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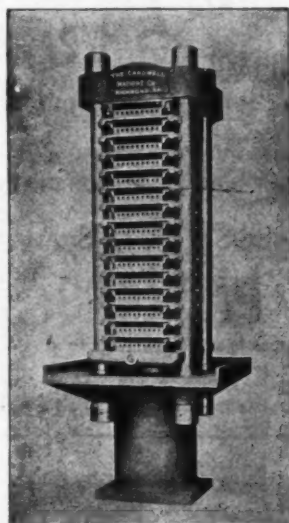
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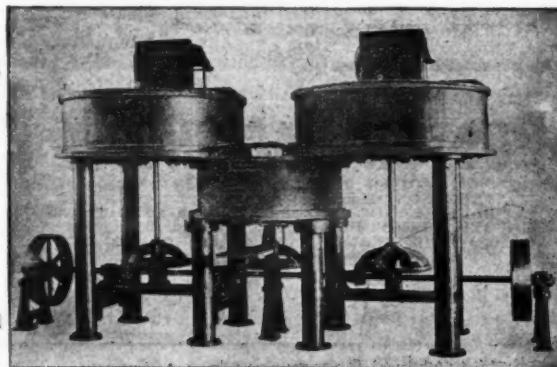
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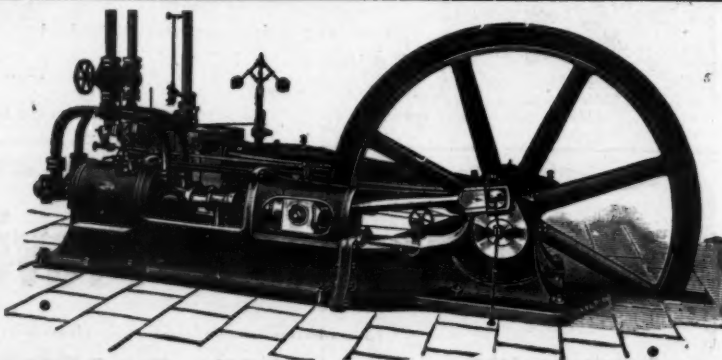
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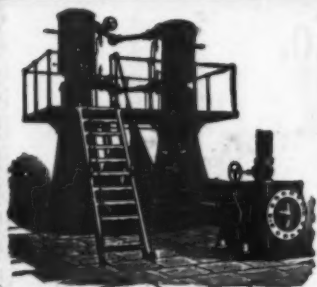
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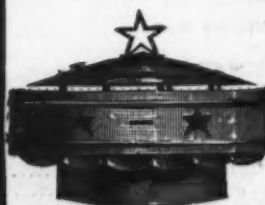
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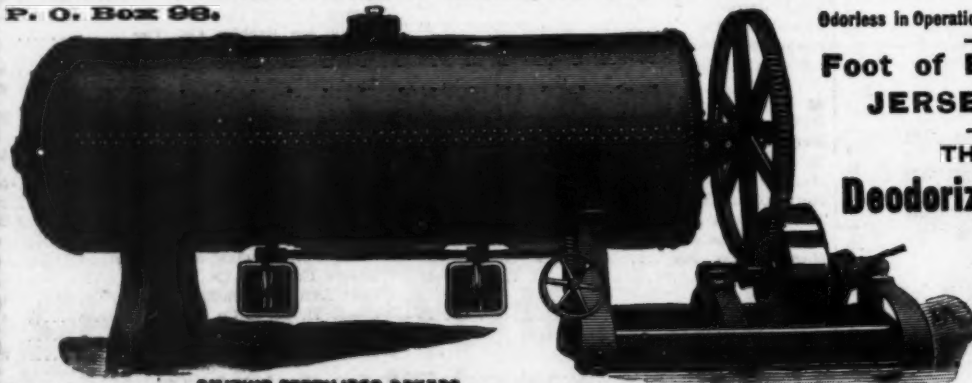
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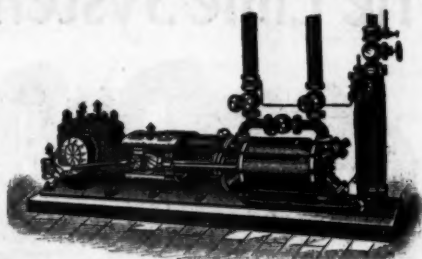
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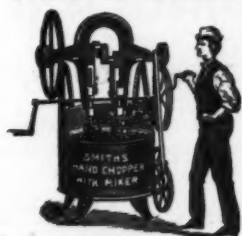
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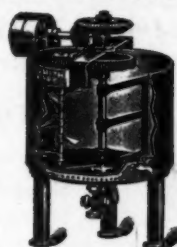
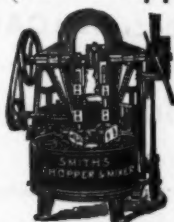
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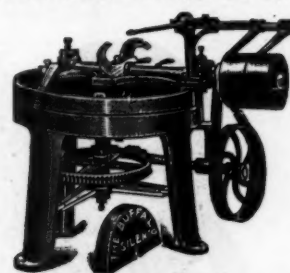
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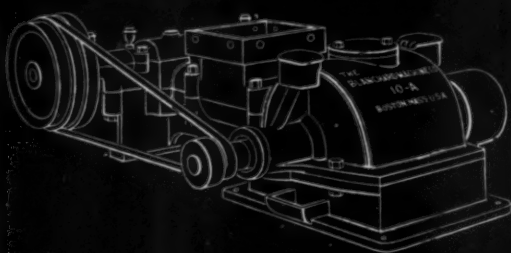
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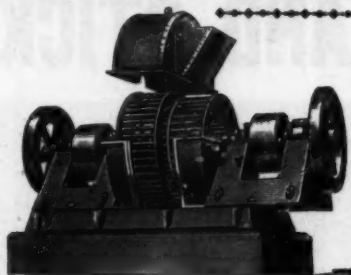
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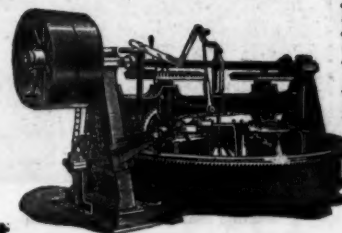
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BUCKING THE HIDE DUTY.

The American tanners take a lustful glance
at the present duty on hides and skins, then
yell lustily for its repeal—in their interest.

If the duty on foreign hides and skins be
taken off these articles will be able to get into
the tanner's vat and lower the price of Ameri-
can hides and skins to the extent of the pres-
ent barrier against them. If such a result is
not contemplated, then what is the object of
the removal of the customs tax?

In October, 1896, packers' hides (No. 1 Na-
tive steer, 60 lb. and upward) fetched 9¼
cents per pound as top price. On October
31st, after the existing duty went into effect
(on July 24, 1897), this same class of hides
brought 11¼, which was an increase equal to
the tariff rate on foreign hides. American
hides then appreciated to the present price of
13½ cents per pound. The extra value of 2¼
cents per pound above the price paid last year
and the year before, is, of course, due to the
shortage in cattle and naturally the con-
sequent shortage in hides. The back of
the cow just took on that much extra market-
able value, and was thus appreciated to the
farmer. While hides have advanced in price
from 9¼ to 13½ cents per pound to the tan-
ner since 1896, the tanners have advanced the
price of hemlock leather from 20 cents to 25
cents, Union from 30 cents to 34 cents and
Oak from 29 cents to 35 cents, thus keeping
up the relative position of the two products
without cutting their margin of profit. How
has this affected the leather trade? In 1897
American tanners imported 236,292,088
pounds of hides and skins valued at \$33,230,-
749. In 1898 these enormous figures were in-
creased to 257,094,920 pounds, valued at \$39,-
906,307. So the duty did not block the in-
pouring in the least, while giving a bracer to
a large American raw-material growing in-
dustry. Our large home consumption is seen
in the fact that we only exported 18,778,031
pounds of hides and skins in 1897, for \$1,-
553,622 and 11,397,129 pounds, valued at
\$1,018,433 last year. We also exported in
1897, 34,090,380 pounds of sole leather, worth
\$5,925,459, and 36,763,033 pounds in 1898,
valued at \$6,440,575. We exported other
leather to the value of \$10,396,390 in 1897,
and \$12,242,268 last year. These facts show
that our export trade in leather has not been
curtailed by the 1897 duty on hides. It has
increased even at the higher price which
tanners obtained for their product. Our ex-
ports of boots, shoes, harness, saddles and
other articles made from leather have also
increased under this tariff, but not, of course,
as a result of it. They have simply not been
affected by the duty, even in the face of a
money stringency, and commercial depression.
In 1897 we sent abroad articles made of
leather to the value of \$2,804,819, and \$3,-
233,979 worth in 1898. Our imports of
leather of all kinds fell from \$6,373,726 worth
in 1897, to \$5,236,171 last year. It is still
falling. Our imports of manufactures of
leather were: In 1897, \$6,789,576; 1898, \$6,-
112,256 worth. This was a decrease of over
\$650,000.

The effect of the duty on leather is plainly
seen. While our leather friends are asking
for a free port for hides and skins, they feel
pained at the suggestion of a free port for
leather. They desire the American farmer to
have cheaper (sic) leather at the expense of
himself. If the tanner's leather must be
held up, hold up hides.

As the margin of profit of the tanner is not
interfered with by the relative markets for
hides and leather, the tanner suffers no actual
loss. But how would a repeal of the hide
duty affect the stock farmer? There are fully
10,000,000 beeves killed annually in the United
States. A free port for hides means a loss of
fully \$2 on each hide. This amounts to a
total actual loss of \$20,000,000 to the Ameri-
can stock raiser, because a free duty would
throw the value and the price of hides down
fully 2 cents per pound for the cattle
slaughtered and deduct that value from the
cattle herds of the country. The tanners are
selfish and illogical when they argue for
cheaper material. When leather interests
plan to push down the price of hides, and at
the same time plan to push still higher the
price of leather, they are manoeuvring in a
daring game. The stock interests of this
country deserve some recognition and will not
quietly consent to such a rake-off, without a
fight.

PURE FOOD LEGISLATION.

The approaching session of Congress will
have before it many momentous measures.
Among the most important of these to our
trade will be the proposed bill to tax but-
terine ten cents per pound, the bill to remove
the existing duty on foreign hides and skins,
and what is commonly referred to as the
Pure Food Bill. It is intended also to di-
rect the attention of Congress to the present
wool schedule of the tariff. This, however,
is an annual event whose every detail has
been threshed out time and again by our
legislators, affording each new batch of mem-
bers in turn an opportunity to be heard in the
fulfillment of their ante-election pledges. The
measure which will, in all probability, give
Congress deep concern will be the proposed
National Pure Food Bill in the interest of
which the Senatorial Committee, as the
United States Pure Food Commission, has
been setting and taking evidence during the
recess of Congress. Senator Wm. E. Mason,
of Illinois, the chairman of this important
commission, has heard the representatives of
nearly every interest involved, pro and con.
The opportunity has been afforded to every
industry and commercial body in various
parts of this country to present its side of
the food issue to the commission for incor-
poration in its report to Congress when that
body reconvenes. A vast amount of valu-
able evidence and data have been presented
during the weeks of evidence-taking.

The commission, after long sessions in the
West, and a two weeks' session in New York,
adjourned on Wednesday, to renew its work
at the Capitol. The National Provisioner
was summoned by the commission to appear

at its final session and round up the data taken before it returns to Washington. We were thus given an opportunity to place the great meat and provision industries which this journal represents in a true light before this important advisory body. We heartily favor any measure, state or national, which will guarantee to pure and wholesome articles of food a national safeguard and national protection. Our trades welcome this, and if Senator Mason succeeds in achieving such an end as the result of his labors he will confer a blessing upon bona fide American enterprises.

EDITING THE TREATIES.

While looking around for means to stimulate trade and to smooth the sea for our ships of commerce, the State Department might do worse than appoint a large industrial commission of representative men of our leading industries to act as an advisory body and hand to them our foreign commercial treaties for suggestions and revision. Such a proceeding would at least result in valuable annotations to these old dust-covered documents which are in many cases as far behind the necessities of our aggressive enterprise as the age in which they were made as an international convention is behind the present age of commercial activity. Many of these old state papers are aged and gray headed. There is now such a need for a better commercial understanding with many of the foreign governments, and so many opportunities present themselves for parley upon needed trade clauses in our treaties with friendly powers that our Secretary of State should make some general effort to inform the State Department upon every matter which brings us a commercial advantage in amending, by codicil or readjustment, many of our existing treaties. There is no better way than by having these conventions edited by practical men whose businesses need help. Such an industrial commission as we suggest would hand back each treaty with the exact changes desired in it and the reasons therefor written by men who understand the necessities for them. Such an advisory report would seem to be valuable for state purposes in seeking to gain the best results for our home industries in our foreign commerce.

GOVERNMENT AS BROKER.

The chance of the smaller business firms of our country to do business abroad is often hampered or destroyed by the absence of exchange or the means of forwarding goods and receiving payment therefor because of the absence of draft or banking facilities. The large concerns can make some sort of commercial arrangement through direct agent or correspondent. The other cannot. A paternal government might sensibly relieve this little block of annoyance by adopting a system of parcels post, parcels express and postoffice order arrangement with foreign governments that would ensure the delivery of small shipments

and payment for them. Where our express companies go there is no need for this unless it be to cheapen the prohibitory charges of these companies. The English, German and other governments assist their tradesmen to some extent in this way. Of course, it would require an exchange department in connection with our National Treasury, but this would be recouped by the commercial charges at the principal ports of this country.

If our government would consent to act, in the person of our consul, at each inconvenient foreign port, as broker to the merchant who would consign small shipments to that port and then arrange with the government of that country to issue postal notes on its treasury for the payments there for our goods by their subjects; or if our government would, for small consignments, act as express agent, delivering the stuff C. O. D., per our consul, many of our business houses would receive a great benefit thereby. The governments of Australia have a parcel post and a parcel express for very large parcels—hundreds of pounds weight. We offer the crude suggestion to meet many complaints.

THE MARKET TYPE.

New Zealand and Australia illustrate the peculiar fact that mutton is sometimes the by-product of wool, and that wool is, at times, the by-product of mutton. In Maoriland, the sheep is grown for its fine mutton for the frozen mutton trade. In Australia, on the contrary, the carcass is but a rack on which to grow the main product—fine wool. Neither a sheep which is all legs or all mutton is the most desirable or the most profitable market animal. The marketman desires a carcass which has the meat put on, at the most profitable places on a medium frame. He desires a sheep carcass filled at the spots where the buyer looks for meat. There is a consensus of desire in the best trade for a sheep which will dress about 54 pounds and which, when cut, is meaty at every desirable point. Stags and bucks are revolting to the general trade. The foreign trade, especially, calls for a well formed, well meated light body. In America, we have aimed at as many good market points as possible in the sheep body, with as much wool as possible on his back. In doing this, we have built our domestic model, which is not yet acceptable abroad. We have yet to perfect the perfect type of wool-producing mutton sheep which will yield us a high grade of both products. By the very law of the conflict of bloods it is hard to secure and to maintain such marketable types.

The Collector of Customs at Buffalo has been advised by the Secretary of the Treasury that Canadian cattle and sheep may be shipped through the United States for export from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News, Va., as well as from Portland, Me., Boston and New York. Heretofore the ports for exportation for Canadian cattle and sheep have been limited to the last three ports.

BRITAIN UPHOLDS OUR MEATS.

London, Nov. 22.—British Admiralty officials interviewed regarding the London "Chronicle's" bad beef assertions, say they have not received a complaint of food furnished on the transports.

The chief of the Victualing Department says:

"We bought large quantities of provisions in New York, but we have there responsible agents who are not likely to accept rotten meat or meat which has been already refused by other Governments.

"Our supplies are confined to salt beef and pork packed in casks, commonly known at sea as 'salt horse,' the same as served in all the navies of the world for years past. We have not so far heard a word against this form of food, and judging from the health of the men in the United States Navy during the war with Spain, it must have agreed pretty well with them.

"We have yet to learn that the provisions purchased in the United States are not all as represented, and, though investigating the allegations, we have no reason to suppose we will discontinue purchasing in the United States when circumstances demand outside resources."

FROZEN RUSSIAN PORK IN GERMANY.

United States Consul General Guenther, writing from Frankfort, Germany, says:

"At Mainz, Germany, experiments have just been made with frozen Russian pork by the several regiments of infantry stationed there. About a ton of this pork, which had arrived in a solidly frozen state, was used for dinner, but the result of the experiments, according to the reports published in German papers, was not satisfactory.

"The meat, it is said, emitted an unpleasant smell while being boiled, and after being boiled for fifteen minutes became like a hard paste. The taste also left much to be desired."

GERMANY COMMENDS OUR INSPECTION METHODS.

A cable from Berlin Wednesday says: An official report received by the German government acknowledges the excellent system of the American official trichinae inspection, as carried out in Chicago and elsewhere, and declares that the agrarian charges as to the unreliability of the inspection are not borne out by fact.

LEGISLATURE CANNOT PROHIBIT SALE OF OLEOMARGARINE.

The Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Department, in the case of the People vs. Meyer, has just decided that a seller of oleomargarine is liable to the statutory penalties whether he knows that it is oleomargarine or not. Meyer is a Brooklyn grocer, who sold the butter substance as butter. He escaped the consequence of the law because it was not shown that he had in any way changed the appearance or the body of the original substance. On this particular point, the Court, in handing down its decision, said:

"It is settled that the Legislature cannot constitutionally prohibit the sale of oleomargarine, except so far as the produce is made to simulate some other substance, and thereby deceive the people. In order, therefore, that the express prohibition against the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine shall be deemed constitutional it is essential to construe that prohibition with the remainder of the section, as forbidding only the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine when it is manufactured in imitation or semblance of natural butter."

The Packinghouse

PROVISIONS AND LARD.

Weekly Review.

All articles under this head are quoted by the bbl., except lard, which is quoted by the cwt., in tcs., pork and beef by the bbl., or tierce, and hogs by the cwt.

STRONGER MARKETS THROUGH DECREASE IN RECEIPTS OF HOGS—INCREASED COVERING OF SHORT CONTRACTS—REDUCTIONS IN STOCKS—THE TONE WILL DEPEND UPON THE NEAR FUTURE SUPPLIES OF SWINE—CASH DEMANDS FOR THE PRODUCTS BETTER.

While the tone of affairs over the products improved with the beginning of the week we regard it as still a little improbable that calculations can be made upon inside prices having been reached this side of January. The spurt to the market for the products was occasioned by some falling off in the receipts of hogs, while the latter was probably due to the fact that prices of the swine had declined and that the farmers were unwilling to market them freely. The next few days had ought to show more the prospects of a liberal marketing at once of the swine, while if they are to increase in volume the products will probably be sensitive to the feature. But in any event it looks as though the products were close to their lowest basis, if they have not essentially reached it, although the opinion had been that the January lard might get to 5c at Chicago; however, it was very close to that, and the indications were substantially correct. All of the hog products are upon a cheap basis of prices, while it is only a question of their giving out signs of fairly permanent strength for an active general export business to place them in an even more secure position. Then again the prices of the hogs have been put down in that degree through their recent tendency, that the products are now by relation with them upon a basis of values over which the packers are better contented, and particularly as the future had ought to give some reaction on their current prices. There is no question but that the situation of affairs is of that sensitive order, under the well recognized belief that everything is cheap, that a small turn to strength frightens the short interest, while its covering has added a little to the tendency of stimulated values. Some conditions would favor a firm tone, while an apprehension over an easier tendency would be based entirely upon a sudden sharp increase in the supplies of swine and the efforts to get them in, in order to start as low as possible on prices for the packing, with the belief of improved conditions all around as the season advances. While the production of lard is exceptionally liberal through the fine quality of the hogs, despite their decreased numbers as compared with last year at this time, yet with the current demands and consignments, it is believed that the stocks West are showing an important decrease, and that the products, statistically are in better shape for healthy market conditions. There has been less of an effort to sell December lard, and where the desire had been in the previous week to put out that contract in order to rid the market of lard that would not be suited to a contract

delivery in January. There has been a little alarm at times over short contracts of December pork, the covering of which had helped to steady affairs. It would not require much of an outside speculative interest to give more vitality to the situation; but at present this outside interest does little, while it works more in the January option, and seems disposed to either accept small profits or to keep its contracts well protected until it feels that the pressure of the packers over the hog market is over. The supplies of swine are really the key note of the position, and as they may be markedly important or otherwise, so the products in the near future are likely to be influenced. They had run latterly in the receipts almost daily under the estimates, but within two or three days they have come closer that way to expectations. Both lard and meats appear to be going to Europe quite as freely as at this time last year, but just how much represents consignments, of course, does not appear, while the latter remark is called for only by the impression that demands from export markets are quieter than then, and that the bulk of the foreign markets are waiting on their more important orders for more settled conditions. But the fact that the shipments are shown to be fairly liberal and well alongside those of the previous season is a favorable feature, considering that the receipts of hogs were larger than now, and the better quality of the hogs this year does not make up the deficiency. Aside from the export demand, there is returning confidence over buying by the home trade; this movement is not as yet by any means general, since many of the large distributors hold the opinion that the new packing will be had for less money, or that at any rate they can afford to wait for developments in the feeling that the market is not likely, in the near future at least, to be materially against them; however, there are some of the large buyers taking hold, and the general business on home account is better than it has been in several weeks. It has been a question more of a disposition to buy for resupplying freely by these large distributors than any loss of consumption of the hog meats, as against the entire wants of last summer. The New York market has had a better trading in meats, while it has held prices steadily at the recent decline, all kinds, bellies, hams and shoulders, while the latter are in poor supply, as well sold up on their steady wants. The United Kingdom shippers have done little in Western lard here, but city lard has been taken up close to its offerings, in conjunction with the regular demands from the refiners. The Continental markets have been steady, moderate buyers of refined lard at prices to conform to the varying fluctuations of the general lard market. The compound lard trading is quite slack, perhaps because it is closer the price of pure lard than usual, and although oleo stearine is lower the cotton oil is higher, while it is necessary that pure lard should be upon a stronger basis to give a full general demand for the compound. The West India demands for miscellaneous offerings of hog products are steady but they are not active, and they are still behind the business that had been expected.

Exports from the Atlantic ports last week: 5,089 bbls. pork, 10,202.911 lbs. lard, and 13,140,520 lbs. meats; corresponding week last

year, 5,539 bbls. pork, 17,776,069 lbs. lard, and 18,212,442 lbs. meats.

Chicago shipments last week: 4,654 bbls. pork, 10,793,932 lbs. lard, and 16,083,853 lbs. meats; corresponding week last year, 6,626 bbls. pork, 10,841,323 lbs. lard, and 19,133,271 lbs. meats.

Beef hams are hard to sell, while they are at easy prices; car lots quoted at \$21.50@22.

BEEF.—City tierced extra India mess steadily favors sellers on the scant supplies and regular, urgent wants of the English markets; quoted at \$21.50@22.00. Barreled lots are taken up well at strong prices; packet quoted at \$12.00@12.50, family at \$13.50@14.00, extra mess at \$11.00.

CANNED MEATS are well sustained in price, on continued good demands; corned beef, 1-lb. cans at \$1.30, 2-lb. cans at \$2.30, 4-lb. cans at \$4.35, 6-lb. cans at \$7.20, and 14-lb. cans at \$15.50.

On Saturday (18th) hog receipts West, 49,000; last year, 57,000. The products varied slightly only, and closed for the day unchanged to 2 points lower. In New York, Western steam lard, \$5.27½; city lard, \$4.90. Refined lard, Continent, \$5.55; S. A., \$6.25; do. kegs, \$7.40. Compound lard, 5¼@5½c. In pork, sales of 150 bbls. mess at \$9.00@9.50, city family at \$11.75, short clear at \$10.75@12.00. In city cut meats, pickled shoulders at 6¼c, pickled hams at 9@9½c, pickled bellies, 12 lbs. average, at 6¼c. Hogs, 5¼@6½c.

On Monday, hog receipts West, 69,000; last year, 75,000. The products opened firm and closed with a gain for the day of 2@5c for pork, 2 points for lard, and 5 points for ribs, through more moderate receipts of hogs, and freer buying by outsiders. In New York, Western steam lard, \$5.32½; city lard, \$4.95. Refined lard, Continent, \$5.65; S. A., \$6.25; do. kegs, \$7.40. Compound lard, 5¼@5½c. In pork, sales of 250 bbls. mess at \$9.00@9.50; city family mess, \$11.75; short clear, \$10.75@12.00. In city cut meats, pickled shoulders, 6¼c; pickled hams, 9@9½c; pickled bellies, 12 lbs. average, 6¼c. Hogs, 5¼@6½c.

On Tuesday, hog receipts West, 79,000; last year, 72,000. The products tended stronger on the moderate receipts of hogs, and closed at an advance of 5@7c for pork, and 2 points for lard and ribs. In New York, Western steam lard, \$5.35; city lard, \$4.95. Refined lard, Continent, \$5.65; S. A., \$6.25; do. kegs, \$7.40. Compound lard, 5¼@5½c. In pork, sales of 275 bbls. mess at \$9.00@9.50; city family, \$11.75. In city cut meats, pickled shoulders, 6¼c; pickled hams, 9@9½c; pickled bellies, 12 lbs. average, 6¼c. Hogs, 5¼@6½c.

On Wednesday, hog receipts West, 91,000; last year, 77,000. The products opened firm, but became easier through the larger hog supplies, and closed 2@5 points lower on pork, and 2 points on lard and ribs. In New York, Western steam lard, \$5.35; city lard, \$4.95. Refined lard, Continent, \$5.60; S. A., \$6.25; do. kegs, \$7.40. Compound lard, 4¼@5½c. In pork, sales of 200 bbls. mess at \$9.00@9.50. In city cut meats, pickled shoulders, 6¼c; pickled hams, 9@9½c; pickled bellies, 12 lbs. average, 6¼c. Hogs, 5¼@6½c.

On Thursday hog receipts West, 93,000; last year—Thanksgiving day. The products opened easier on weaker hog markets, but there was freer buying, and the close showed an advance for the day of 2 points. The New York market had not changed.

On Friday hog receipts west, 74,000; last year (essentially for two days), 127,000. The products were a little firmer, and closed unchanged to 2 points up. In New York Western steam lard, 5.37½; city lard, 4.95. Refined lard, Continent, 5.65; S. A., 6.25; do. kegs, 7.40. Compound lard, 5¼@5½c. In pork, mess, \$9@9.50. In city cut meats, pickled shoulders, 6¼@6½c; pickled hams, 9@9½c; pickled bellies, 12 lbs. average, 6¼c. Hogs, 5¼@6½c.

COMING EVENTS.

1899.

Nov. 28-Dec. 3.—Waco (Tex.) Poultry Association, fourth annual exhibition, at Waco.

Dec. 13-15.—New York State Dairymen's Association, thirty-third annual meeting, at Cortlandt.

Dec. 25-28.—Elgin (Ill.) Poultry Association, big show at Elgin. Regular meetings second Monday of each month.

1900.

Jan. 16-19.—National Live Stock Association, third annual convention, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Jan. 17-19.—Northern Illinois Poultry Association, eleventh annual exhibition, Belvidere, Ill.

Jan. 17-22.—Kansas City (Mo.) Fanciers, Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, big show, Convention Hall.

March 13.—Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, annual meeting, Ft. Worth.

CORN AND HOGS IN IOWA.

(Special Correspondence of The National Provisioner).

Crocker, Ia., Nov. 17.—From what comes under my own observation and from reports from all over the country, the corn crop is the largest and best crop ever raised in the United States.

Fast Growth of Hogs.

The elegant unbroken fall weather for feeding is pushing the pigs along at a rapid rate, and droves of them that one month ago looked very small would now top the market as choice lightweights, but corn is so plenty and cheap that the farmers in this locality will not sell it, and are feeding their hogs all they can eat. The grain buyers at Crocker are offering 19c. per bushel for new corn, but have not got any as yet. The hog buyers are paying \$3.50@3.70 for hogs. Equivalent to 35c. per bushel for corn.

A great many farmers are through husking corn, and ten days more of this delightful weather will see it all cribbed.

JURY DISAGREED IN CATTLE CASE.

In the case of the United States against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for a violation of the law in regard to the haulage of cattle, the jury disagreed. The case was tried at Philadelphia. The case was concluded on Thursday. The law states that animals shall not be confined in cars longer than 28 hours without food or water. It was alleged that the defendant line kept cattle in its cars 31 hours without food or water. The Government's case rested on a shipment of five carloads shipped in August, 1898, from Chicago over the Grand Trunk Railroad, connecting with the Lehigh Valley system at Suspension Bridge. The defendant company's offence was in hauling them thence without food or water to New York city.

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BROOKLYN PACKINGHOUSE AFIRE.

About 9 o'clock Wednesday night there broke out in Brooklyn, N. Y., what promised to be a very destructive and expensive fire. About that hour the signal was sent in by Night Watchman Fagan of the International Provision Company, whose extensive plant is located at 33-39 De Graw street, and the Fire Department at once responded. Secretary Finley, of the company, was on hand nearly as soon as the first squirts of water, and labored throughout the night in giving orders and formulating plans for keeping the business going in spite of the threatened destruction of the big plant.

The fire started from some unknown cause in the storeroom on the second floor of the new building, at 33 DeGraw street, and the flames were confined to that building, playing curious pranks of their own in its devastating work. The storeroom is one flight up. From it flames burst out into the sausage room on the same floor, whipped their fiery course further around among the ice machines, putting two of them out of action. Having swept the area of this floor, 35x100 feet, the flames leaped up into the cold storage room of the next floor, and played havoc with the stock, fixtures and installation there. They then jumped above to the next floor, gutted it, and ripped out the roof overhead, thus practically cleaning out the three upper floors of this new 35x100 foot structure, leaving it a charred wreck, without in the least disturbing the ground floor or the vast areas of the other three buildings which, with the burned one, formed the combined structure of this extensive packing and provision company.

While the damage to the plant is considerable and the loss heavy, it is a marvelous circumstance that so dangerous a fire, in a building stored with such large stocks of combustible material, did not get into the other parts of the building. By morning the fire was subdued, and all danger removed.

In spite of its terrible experiences Wednesday night, the plant started in with the whistle Thursday morning, and work proceeded. In the meantime the restoration of the charred building was put under way, and the announcement was made that the whole plant would be in full operation by Friday or Saturday morning "scarred by the fray but still in the ring and paying one hundred cents on the dollar."

The full damage could not be ascertained until the actual state of the timbers has been found out, but the company thought that \$10,000 or \$12,000 would cover all loss.

SAILED WITH PROVISIONS.

The ship *Clan Cumming*, of the *Clan* line of vessels, which sailed from Robinson's stores, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday morning for South African ports, carried, among other things, 35,000 cases of canned goods—meats, fish, fruits and vegetables from American canneries; large consignments of hams, pork, oils and lard, and other foodstuffs for the British troops in the field. The *Clan Cummings'* 10,000 tons of cargo contains the largest consignment of provisions ever sent out of the port of New York in one bottom. Before her twelve weeks' cruise is over, the ship will have called at every important east coast port of South Africa from Delagoa Bay to Cape town. Her cargo will be welcomed down there.

Important Ice Machine Contracts.

The Henry Voght Machine Co., of Louisville, Ky., have just closed the following contracts: One 15-ton ice-making machine for M. J. Duffy, Jeffersonville, Ind.; one 10-ton ice-making machine for Mayfield Coal and Ice Company, Mayfield, Ky.; one 4-ton ice-making machine for Jos. Lodge, South Pittsburg, Tenn. The company is just shipping three 15-ton ice-making machines to Cuba.

NEW INDUSTRIES IN PARA.

Consul K. K. Kennedy, writing from Para, states that the various industries are very active. The ground has been broken for the fourth ice plant, and for another soap factory. The material and management for these new enterprises are both American. Ground has also been broken for the new markethouse.

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATIONS BECOME ONE.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The American Live Stock Association to-day went out of existence by merging into the larger National Live Stock Association. The American Live Stock Association was formed in 1892 to arrange for an exhibit during the World's Fair and was made up of thirteen minor associations. The larger organization into which it merged was formed three years ago, and has a membership of about seventy associations. This association represents over \$300,000,000 in capital.

Delegates to the National Convention.

At its meeting at Chicago on Tuesday the American Association of Fairs and Expositions voted to become a member of the National Live Stock Association and will send J. F. Green and J. H. Miller as delegates to the convention of the latter association to be held at Fort Worth, Tex., in January next.

UP NORTH ON A BUSINESS TRIP.

The National Provisioner, on Monday, was pleased to greet in its New York offices Mr. A. B. Blakemore, general manager of the Crescent City Stockyard and Slaughterhouse Company, Ltd., of St. Bernard Parish, La. The other officers of this alert and active company are A. B. Wheeler, president, and Henry Abraham, vice-president. Mr. Blakemore is up North on a business trip in the interests of his company. He is a courteous and pleasant gentleman.

GUATEMALAN HIDE AND SKIN DUTY.

"The government of Guatemala," writes Vice Consul General James, "has imposed an export duty of 50 cents each on hides and \$3.00 per 100 pounds on deer and sheepskins (gross weight)."

The railroad claim clerks at Kansas City, Mo., are getting ready for an inflow of overcharge claims on cattle shipments. On December 1 the rate on cattle, hogs and sheep will be changed from so much per car load to cents per 100 pounds in trans-Missouri territory. The railroads made a similar change some years ago, but the Kansas courts ordered them to resume the old rates, and thus it remained until the railroads saw fit to attempt the cents per 100 pounds again. The reason given for the new rate is because of the stockmen overloading cars. It is alleged, when the rates so much per car basis were current.

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NEW SOUTH WALES PASTORAL INDUSTRY.

In view of the steadily increasing Australian export trade in frozen meat, some facts in connection with the New South Wales pastoral industry may not be out of place. In 1860 the estimated number of sheep in the colony was 6,119,163; in 1891, the figures were 61,831,416. Since then the numbers have persistently decreased, until in 1898 they stood at 41,241,004, a result of the severe droughts in the pastoral districts. But the recuperative powers of the pasture lands is simply marvelous. How many sheep could be sustained by the colony under a system of artificial feeding and watering

may hereafter become a question of national interest. In 1870 the quantity of wool exported from New South Wales was 34,608,000 lbs.; in 1891 it was 255,204,801 lbs.; in 1898 it was 280,948,406 lbs. Under the present conditions of pasturage the number of sheep in the colony is, in a favorable season, too great to be properly maintained, so that the disposal of the surplus is an important question. Hence the prominence given to the export trade in frozen meat. There are already in the colony works for preserving mutton, whose output for the year 1897 amounted to a little over 750,000 sheep, while the frozen meat trade required some 1,066,000 more. During 1897, 627,000 sheep were boiled down for tallow. During 1895 the shipments of frozen meat comprised 1,021,006 carcasses of mutton and 88,719 quarters of beef; 1896, 1,372,373 carcasses mutton and 16,286 quarters beef; and during 1898, 1,095,568 carcasses of mutton and 30,593 quarters beef. The average output of tallow for the last five years was 42,150 tons per annum.—Australian Trading World.

The United States Supreme Court at Washington, on Tuesday, refused to grant a writ of certiorari in the proceedings against Joseph Wilkins, a dealer in oleomargarine, and his clerk, Howard Butler. They were tried in the Federal courts at Philadelphia for removing the labels on oleomargarine packages in that city, and being found guilty, were sentenced to imprisonment. The proceeding in the Supreme Court was for the purpose of securing a review by that tribunal, but in that they failed.

S. B. Foote, the shoe manufacturer of St. Paul, Minn., who was in Portland, Ore., consulted with the Chamber of Commerce, and the Manufacturers' Association of that city in regard to establishing a large shoe factory in Portland. In regard to this proposed factory, Mr. Foote says: "With a population of 100,000 and a commonwealth of over 1,000,000 people to draw from, I wonder that no large shoe factory has been started here before."

The issue of bonds for \$1,500,000 just made by the St. Joseph (Mo.) Stockyards Company gives, with the \$250,000 increase of the stock, a total sum of \$1,300,000 for the improvements made, those ordered and those contemplated at once.

The tannery of C. C. Warren, at Waterbury, Mass., has been destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$50,000, covered by insurance. All of the buildings and their machinery were destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known.

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Chicago Live Stock Review.

CATTLE—Receipts of all kinds of cattle have continued heavy, above all reasonable expectations, in fact, and the total of the current week will run well up to figures of the previous week. The supply has been above actual immediate wants of the trade, except in the line of fully finished heavy steers, and we have had a declining market.

Comparatively few choice to fancy steers have been coming forward and, as it is time of year for dealers to get their Christmas beef into the coolers, steers that have answered the purpose have sold fully up to last week's prices, \$6.90 having been made for a top load lot and three head of fancy heavy steers making \$7. And, too, the \$6.25 to \$6.50 styles have shown little, if any, depreciation, but below these and especially in the short-fed kinds of steers that are now plentiful, the decline has been quite severe, 20¢@30¢ not more than covering the depreciation on everything that grades below choice. The market has been sluggish at these declines. There has been a considerable stale stock accumulated, and it looks like much more conservative movement on the part of the country is necessary to a reaction.

The run of Westerns has been very light, the season having practically ended. The few here have had to suffer with natives of the same grade and prices are off fully 15¢ to 20¢.

Some extraordinary prices have been made for Texas cattle, \$6.75 having been paid for one double-extra lot, but general run of Texas offerings have declined around 15¢.

Business in stock cattle is almost at a standstill and prices rather inclined to a lower basis for everything aside from good feeder grades, for which there is some inquiry, while very few countrymen are coming in who care to take the common thin stocker grades to rough through the winter. Prices are quotable at \$3 to around \$4 for stock steers, \$2.50 @ \$3.50 for common to choice stock heifers, \$4 @ \$4.75 for feeding steers, with bulk at \$4.25 @ \$4.50.

The native butcher market is in bad shape, supplies are large and quality very common as a rule. Very choice fully fat cows and heifers hold up pretty well, but the bulk of cutter and dressed beef cows are finding slow outlet, with prices around 25¢@30¢ lower for the week; canner grades sell comparatively well, but are 10¢@15¢ lower for the week. Bologna bulls also lower and dull. Calves show little change for the week. Choice milkers and springers sell well, but common very slow.

HOGS.—Volume of hogs has been lighter than for the previous week, decrease at this market for first half of the week being 20,000, but total decrease at six principal markets not being more than 12,000 to 15,000. The packers have been principal support of the market, Eastern shipping operations not being of sufficient volume to influence prices in any way. There was good strong tone to the opening trade of the week and closing prices of the previous week were well sustained until Wednesday, when there was a little turn to weakness on receipts running somewhat heavier than the trade had expected. Demand from packers proved good, however, and barring the top sales, the day's market showed practically no change from Tuesday, and supply was well bought up.

The narrowest range in prices of the fall season, narrowest for months, in fact, has prevailed and there is now barely more than a 10¢ range, the bulk of all hogs for the week selling between \$3.90@4, with more than 50 per cent. of the sale tickets reading \$3.95.

The quality of hogs is showing some improvement and weight in running up well. Pigs are quite plentiful, but there is very good demand, although prices are not holding as close up to the butcher market as at time of last writing, \$3.75@3.90 being about current range.

Next week is a holiday week and if the precedent of other years is followed, the run is apt to be light, and we may see a firm edge to price, but would not advise speculating on any lasting advance.

SHEEP.—Receipts of sheep and lambs have been lighter than for the previous week, but demand is not as brisk as it had been, and the market has been of an unsatisfactory character. There have not been a great many strictly choice fat sheep or lambs here and prices for such have not been much lower but on the general run of offerings the markets have been a declining one, and prices are off 10¢@15¢ on sheep, 15¢@25¢ on lambs. Heavy ewes are specially hard to sell and show severest decline of anything now coming. Top lambs for the week, \$5.30; bulk of fat muttons around \$4, with choice at \$4.40.

RANGE OF PRICES.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18.

PORK (Per barrel)—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.00	8.00	7.95	7.97½
January	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45
May	9.55	9.57½	9.55	9.55
LARD (Per 100 lb)—				
December	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85
January	5.07½	5.10	5.07½	5.07½
May	5.25	5.27½	5.25	5.27½
RIBS (Boxed 25c. more than loose)—				
December	4.90	4.92½	4.90	4.90
January	4.90	4.92½	4.90	4.92½
May	5.05	5.05	5.05	5.05

MONDAY, NOV. 20.

PORK (Per barrel)—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.00	8.05	8.00	8.02½
January	9.47½	9.50	9.47½	9.47½
May	9.55	9.60	9.55	9.57½
LARD (Per 100 lb)—				
December	4.85	4.87½	4.85	4.87½
January	5.07½	5.12½	5.07½	5.10
May	5.27½	5.30	5.27½	5.30
RIBS (Boxed 25c. more than loose)—				
December	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85
January	4.92½	4.97½	4.92½	4.95
May	5.07½	5.10	5.07½	5.10

TUESDAY, NOV. 21.

PORK (Per barrel)—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.02½	8.15	8.02½	8.10
January	9.47½	9.55	9.47½	9.52½
May	9.57½	9.67½	9.57½	9.65
LARD (Per 100 lb)—				
December	4.85	4.90	4.85	4.90
January	5.10	5.15	5.10	5.12½
May	5.30	5.32½	5.27½	5.32½
RIBS (Boxed 25c. more than loose)—				
December	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.87½
January	4.95	5.00	4.95	4.97½
May	5.07½	5.15	5.07½	5.12½

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22.

PORK (Per barrel)—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.10	8.12½	8.02½	8.05
January	9.57½	9.57½	9.47½	9.50
May	9.65	9.65	9.57½	9.62½
LARD (Per 100 lb)—				
December	4.90	4.90	4.87½	4.87½
January	5.12½	5.15	5.10	5.10
May	5.30	5.32½	5.27½	5.30
RIBS (Boxed 25c. more than loose)—				
December	4.87½	4.87½	4.85	4.85
January	4.97½	4.97½	4.92½	4.95
May	5.10	5.12½	5.07½	5.10

THURSDAY, NOV. 23.

PORK (Per barrel)—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.00	8.10	8.00	8.05
January	9.50	9.55	9.50	9.50
LARD (Per 100 lb)—				
December	4.87½	4.90	4.87½	4.90
January	5.10	5.12½	5.10	5.12½
RIBS (Boxed 25c. more than loose)—				
December	4.87½	4.90	4.87½	4.87½
January	4.92½	4.95	4.92½	4.95

FRIDAY, NOV. 24.

PORK (Per barrel)—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.05	8.07½	8.05	8.05
January	9.52½	9.52½	9.50	9.50
LARD (Per 100 lb)—				
December	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.90
January	5.10	5.15	5.10	5.12½
RIBS (Boxed 25c. more than loose)—				
December	4.92½	4.97½	4.92½	4.95
January	4.92½	4.97½	4.92½	4.95

Chicago Live Stock Notes.

Only 13,783 hogs were shipped from here last week, against 24,241 the preceding week, and 17,195 the corresponding week of 1898.

Receipts thus far this month, 136,000 cattle, 454,000 hogs and 211,000 sheep, against 120,307 cattle, 528,220 hogs and 199,752 sheep a year ago.

Combined receipts of hogs at eleven markets last week, 529,000, against 491,000 the previous week, 594,000 a year ago, and 463,000 two years ago.

Average weight of hogs last week, 248 pounds, the same as the previous week. Average weight a month ago, 236 pounds; two months ago, 251 pounds; a year ago, 233 pounds, and two years ago, 253 pounds.

Last week there arrived at the Chicago stock yards 326,420 head of all kinds of live stock in 6,161 cars, being the largest number of cars received any previous week this year, 794 more than the previous week, and 564 more than a year ago.

Shipments last week were: Cattle, 14,166; hogs, 13,976; sheep, 7,894; against 14,382 cattle, 24,241 hogs, 1,630 sheep the previous week; 14,808 cattle, 8,699 hogs, 17,195 sheep the corresponding week of 1898; 19,289 cattle, 26,138 hogs, 9,137 sheep the corresponding week of 1897.

Hogs slaughtered at Chicago last week were: Armour, 45,000; Anglo-American, 15,700; Boyd & Lunham, 7,200; Chicago, 12,400; Continental, 11,700; Hammond, 6,400; International, 14,200; Lipton, 8,600; Morris, 10,700; Swift, 34,700; Viles & Robbins, 11,000, and butchers, 7,700.

Receipts of live stock at Chicago last week were: Cattle, 58,011; hogs, 187,130; sheep, 79,029; against 50,422 cattle, 162,241 hogs, 72,127 sheep the previous week; 43,164 cattle, 203,742 hogs, 78,032 sheep the corresponding week of 1898; 56,643 cattle, 180,056 hogs, 60,867 sheep the corresponding week of 1897.

WORLD'S LIVE STOCK EXHIBIT.

The Union Stockyards and allied interests in Chicago have on foot a plan to hold in that city in November, 1900, an international live stock exhibition.

Those interested say that the co-operation of Chicago business men is assured, and the different breeders' associations which met in that city this week will lend moral and financial aid to the plan.

FAVOR A NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF STOCK.

The Illinois Live Stock Breeders' Association heartily favors the holding of a national live stock exposition at Chicago, as the following resolutions indicate:

"Whereas, The various live stock associations are considering the matter of holding a national exhibition of stock, and,

"Whereas, Chicago is the recognized headquarters for the sale, slaughter and transaction of business pertaining to the animal industry of the country, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Illinois Live Stock Breeders' Association favor the holding of the proposed exhibition in the city of Chicago.

"Resolved, That the Stock Yards, packers and Commission merchants, and all interested in sustaining the prestige of Chicago as the great live stock market of the world, be requested to co-operate with a committee of this organization in securing said location."

President Grout appointed on said committee Hon. A. J. Lovejoy, Col. Charles F. Mills, Hon. J. H. Pickrell.

Fred H. Rankin, Secretary.

Read The National Provisioner.

Chicago Provision Market.

The price of provisions has eased off a little. Receipts of hogs have been heavy enough to bring them below 4 cents. The packers are not disposed to give the speculative market any support. During the last ten days the foreign demand has been disappointing in some respects. The lard situation has been more or less against the whole list. The December liquidation is under way, and it is likely that it will become somewhat more urgent from this until the end of the month, the general feeling that the new inspection rules will be of some service to the market after the first of the year. There is, however, no great public buying for January, and the packers certainly will not be disposed to bull prices for the next sixty days. The stock of old pork and lard will be talked up to keep the price of hogs from advancing, though it is hardly likely they will advance, as it looks as if there would be liberal hog supply for some time to come. The provision professional expects a draggy market for some weeks. There is a difference of opinion as to the extent of the January short interest, but it is not likely the packers would sell for that month property they did not know they could deliver. No one knows the meaning of the new rules better than they. There will be an effort to keep the provision market a quiet one until past the January liquidation. From January to May is quite a long stretch, and it is during that time that the provision bull has the best chance. It is the season when the manufacturer is most inclined to favor an advancing market.

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Chicago Board of Trade Notes.

The good work goes on. Sweeping reforms in the methods to be applied to business transactions by members of the Board of Trade were instituted on Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the directory. The result of this meeting was the adoption of two resolutions outlining the policy of the directors and explaining the unqualified attitude to be assumed here as regards various lines of trade which have been inveighed against in the past by a majority of the brokers. The first resolution was as follows:

"No member of this association shall act as agent for the employee of another member in any transaction in which the name of the employer of such employee appears." And the second resolution was:

"No member of this association is allowed under any circumstances to be both principal and agent in any transaction for future delivery of any of the commodities dealt in under the rules of this board.

"Furthermore, no member of this association, in any transaction for future delivery of any of the commodities dealt in under the rules of this board, shall allow himself directly or indirectly either by his own act or by the act of an employee or of a broker to be placed in the position of agent for both buyer and seller."

A prominent member of the Board of Trade has been suggesting and urging certain changes in the rules, which, because of the nature of the changes themselves as well as because of the prominence of the gentleman who makes the suggestion, have attracted considerable attention among the membership. These are:

1. That clerks should be prohibited from trading, except through the houses with which they are connected, and that the matter of their trading at all should be discretionary with their employers. Such a rule as this, it is urged, would put an end to any possible improper handling of orders.

2. That all orders, without exception, should be filled in the market, and that all cross trading should be prohibited.

3. That the session of the board should be extended from 9.30 a. m. to 2 p. m.

4. That all curb trading should be peremptorily prohibited.

5. That privilege trading on the floor of the exchange should be prohibited.

In the matter of a commission rule this gentleman makes no suggestion, explaining that he was prominent once in an effort to enforce a commission rule, and found the effort did not meet with success.

President Lyon on Saturday announced the names of the committee of twenty-five upon which will devolve that revision of the Board of Trade rules from which so much is expected. The committee represents every class on the exchange—cash people, the private wire houses, brokers, the provision people, the professional operators, the elevator interests, the shippers, receivers and even the transportation managers. The names are all eminent in their respective lines, and President Lyon has called upon the strongest men in the association. The list is as follows:

J. Henry Norton, chairman; J. M. Wanzer, Walter C. Hatley, Charles L. Raymond, Charles Counselman, Henry Botsford, William S. Seaverns, C. D. Hamill, Z. R. Carter, John Dupee, C. L. Hutchinson, B. A. Eck-

hart, D. E. Richardson, E. W. Bailey, Robert Pringle, C. B. Congdon, J. C. F. Merrill, E. S. Hunter, H. H. Peters, Homer Ash, James C. Rogers, Alex. Geddes, William S. Jackson, Charles H. Requa, J. G. Keith.

It is considered quite probable that the committee of twenty-five which President Lyon has appointed to revise the regulations governing the Chicago Board of Trade will evolve and recommend a commission rule for the exchange, providing for a minimum rate of commission for members and non-members.

A committee appointed a week ago reported to the board that in its judgment complaint should be lodged against the firm of A. R. Jones & Co. for alleged illegal trading. This complaint was duly filed with the directory, and will be taken up for consideration at the meeting to be held Dec. 8.

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affairs of the firm of McLain Bros. & Co. reported that as the federal authorities had the matter in hand at present they could do nothing. They were, therefore, discharged.

A petition to the directors of the Board of Trade is being circulated among the members requesting clemency for John F. Barrett.

There is considerable agitation in favor of a change in clearinghouse rules, by which no trades for delivery at periods further away than ninety days will be cleared. The members favoring this change do not wish the adoption of a rule preventing actual trade in more deferred deliveries, but think that discrimination by the clearinghouse would tend to restrict the trade in remote futures, which is looked upon as a depressing influence.

The recently elected president of the Liverpool Provision Exchange is Charles E. L. Gregson, of the John Morrell Company. For years he represented his firm at Chicago. The Liverpool exchange subscribed £2,300 to the fund for the widows and orphans of the soldiers killed in the South African war, and it was on the cabled suggestion of President Gregson, of the Liverpool Exchange, that Messrs. Geddes, Hatley and others started their fund here for the same purpose among the British-born residents of Chicago.

THE INTERNATIONAL PACKING CO.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the International Packing Company was held on Tuesday. President A. S. White submitted a report showing that the company made a profit of \$148,133 on its business during the year just closed. He made the following statement to the stockholders:

The business of the company during the fiscal year ending Oct. 31 shows a profit of \$148,133. The above amount has been applied to the working capital, which, as reported at our last annual meeting, had been impaired. There remains the sum of \$16,282 to be made good before any of the earnings of the company become available for the payment of debenture interest. The working assets of the company are \$2,519,535, and its business liabilities \$1,454,010, leaving a net surplus of \$1,065,525.

Continuing the same policy as heretofore of keeping the plants and property of the company in the best condition for efficient and economical work, there has been expended on repairs and betterments the sum of \$30,288.

The following detail of the financial operations was presented: Net profit, Oct. 27, 1898, to Oct. 25, 1899, \$148,133; impairment, Oct. 26, 1898, \$164,416; impaired, Oct. 18, 1899, \$16,282; working assets, \$2,519,523; business liabilities, \$1,454,010; net surplus, \$1,065,525; expended for repairs, \$30,288.

The following directors were re-elected for another year:

A. Stamford White, Alexander Geddes, T. E. Wells, F. R. Burrows, Josiah Stiles, Clarence Buckingham, Levy Mayer.

The National Provisioner congratulates President White on the very excellent showing he has made for the year.

* The lower half of the new building on the corner of First street and Cedar avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., is occupied by H. R. Deakins as a market.

JUDGE HAIGHT HOLDS SPECIAL TERM OF COURT ON EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS.

This is the history of a lawyer, a case, a railroad train, a justice of the New York Court of Appeals and an order obtained on the run between stations, when the great engine of the Empire State Express of the New York Central was reeling up the steel threads, mile after mile, between Rochester and Syracuse, says the Rochester "Post-Express," in telling of a legal record made by the "fastest train in the world."

A lady began an action against a Rochester railway company for \$10,000 for alleged injury. A Supreme Court judge directed a verdict for the defendant. The case being appealed, the Appellate Division unanimously affirmed the judgment, thus denying the plaintiff the liberty of taking the case to the Court of Appeals. The only method by which an appeal to that court may be obtained is by an order from one of its associate justices. The Court of Appeals justice living nearest Rochester is the Hon. Albert Haight, of Buffalo. The court was to go into session. The plaintiff's attorney caught Judge Haight comfortably discussing a valuable cigar in the Wagner smoker of the Empire State Express. It took the lawyer as far as Fairport to tell what he wanted.

"Well, well," said the judge, "I have made orders in my house, and in my chambers, but I don't think I ever metaphorically clothed myself in judicial robes in the smoking compartment of a Wagner parlor car before. This is rather unique, my young friend; somewhat of an experience. Let me see the paper."

The judge read the papers. "Well," he said, with a smile of appreciation, "I think you may take your order."

Then the judge metaphorically doffed the judicial ermine.

At Syracuse the lawyer said good-bye, and jumped off the Empire just in time to board the Fast Mail, which brought him back to Rochester, order and all, at 5:30 o'clock, three hours after he had left it.

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Death of Charles M. Vail.

The death of Charles M. Vail was announced at the Produce Exchange yesterday (Friday). The deceased was at one time a very active member of the Exchange, and in the year 1885 was its president. At the time New York did the largest export business in cheese with Europe as against Canadian markets, the old firm of John S. Martin & Co., with which Mr. Vail was associated, was remarkably prominent as shippers of the dairy product. Within the last several years Mr. Vail had been unwell, and his death was not unexpected. He was 56 years of age.

* A report by the market site committee has been made to the City Council of St. Paul, Minn., favoring the Eage street location for the new market. The site contains 126,000 square feet and the assessed valuation is \$40,060. If the report is adopted, condemnation proceedings will follow.

IN MEMORY OF LAMENTED VICE-PRESIDENT.

The New York Produce Exchange will be closed for purposes of business to-day (Saturday) out of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President of the United States, Garret A. Hobart, whose funeral ceremonies are taking place, and in pursuance of a proclamation of the Governor of the State requesting that the day be set apart as one of mourning.

NEW YORK CITY FOOD CONTRACTS.

The contracts for meat and provisions for the Department of Charities and for the Department of Corrections for 1900 have not yet been advertised. In fact, the specifications are not yet ready. The bids for supplying the Department of Charities will not be called for before the middle of December. While the clause specifying whether city or Western dressed meats has not been agreed upon, there is a disposition to let it stand as it was last year, and this will be done unless strong pressure is brought to bear for the "city dressed" clause.

The Department of Corrections will confine bidders for the 1900 contracts for the institutions under it to city dressed stuff. The reason assigned for this is that the meat is not distributed for several days after it is received. Contractors will be held to city dressed meats.

ARMOUR'S \$1,000 CALENDAR.

The calendar for 1900 issued by Armour & Co., of Chicago, is very handsome. The calendar proper is in four parts, the whole being secured by a ribbon of the national colors. The first of this series of artistic cards shows an excellent picture of Admiral Dewey in full uniform. The picture is embossed in gold. Back of the portrait appear the Union Jack and the four-starred Admiral's flag, while a wealth of laurel is also conspicuous, even the minute detail of the laurel berries having been looked after by the careful designer. There is also given the coat-of-arms of Dewey's native State, while there are also portrayed anchors and stars, the American eagle, the Admiral's sword and marine glasses, the Congress medal and a cup and saucer typifying the famous Manila breakfast. On the three remaining parts of the calendar four months of the year are given on each. A picture is shown of the man behind the gun and also of the battle of Manila Bay. On the third card of the series the lithograph is of "America's Pride," a beautiful American girl holding a bouquet of American beauty roses. In this lithograph is also shown the evolution of the United States Navy from the old wooden sailing ship of 1812 down to the modern fighting machine of 1899. The fourth and last section of the calendar shows "The Coming Admiral," a rosy-cheeked little lad saluting with a cutlass and with the other hand on the lanyard of the gun mounted in the bow of his toy battleship. Accurate lithographs are also given here of other of our naval heroes—Farragut, Porter, Perry and Worden. On the back of each sheet is interesting reading matter of Armour's superb and famous hams, bacon, lard and other products. This is the calendar whose designer was awarded \$1,000 in competition with others for the most beautiful and appropriate thing in this line. We congratulate Messrs. Armour & Co. on their enterprise.

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KANSAS CITY.

Live Stock Review.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 22, 1899.

The receipts, with comparisons, as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Kansas City	59,678	64,764	13,796
Same week 1898...	45,044	83,110	12,973
Same week 1897...	43,186	71,068	15,713
Same week 1896...	55,502	50,101	20,207
Chicago, past week	58,100	185,600	80,200
Omaha	28,000	50,400	17,200
St. Louis	13,800	33,800	8,500
St. Joseph	5,500	23,500	2,700
Kansas City	59,700	65,800	13,800

Total past week.	165,100	359,100	122,400
Previous week...	136,300	327,900	129,600
Same week 1898.	116,300	380,400	115,100
Kansas City packers' slaughter:			
Armour Packing Co.	14,258	25,374	2,735
Swift and Co.	10,377	19,043	2,573
S. & S. Co.	5,849	2,541	2,191
G. Fowler Son Co.	175	12,522	.....
Butchers	534	336	210

Total past week.	31,193	59,816	7,709
Previous week...	26,569	59,967	11,249
Same week 1898.	18,908	75,254	6,457

CATTLE.—The closing three days of last week showed a better feeling in cattle, more especially the better finished grades offered. While there were not many prime or export cattle offered, there was a very fair supply of desirable beef, such as ranged from \$4.55 @ \$5.60—these were fully 10c higher than the early part of the week. The plain Western cattle, with fair flesh, however, were rather sluggish. A mixed lot of native and Western cattle, 1,568 lbs. average, sold at \$6.10—the highest price for the closing part of the week. Butcher cows and heifers were wanted and a ready sale was found for all offerings. A few cows, 1,010 lbs. average, sold at \$4.40. A few heifers, 1,080 lbs. average, sold as high as \$5.35, but, to be sure, the major portion of the cows went under the \$4 mark, and plenty of heifers were sold at about \$4.75. A bunch of 111 heifers, 912 lbs. average, sold at \$4.80, which was considered a good sale. Stock bulls are in good demand, they bring good prices, but the rough bulls are rather sluggish sale; while a few 1,508 lbs. average tipped the market at \$4.35, by far the larger bulk from \$2.75 @ \$3. Range and Western cattle were in fair supply. Some range fed Texas steers, 1,222 lbs., tipped the market at \$5.55, which was counted a good price. Some Western cows, 727 lbs. average, sold at \$2.75, but a bunch of 226 head, 680 lbs. average, sold at \$2.55. Western steers, 1,231 lbs. average, sold as high as \$5.50, but to be sure the bulk sold at a much lower figure. Some good Western cows sold as high as \$5.20. Western heifers, 760 lbs. average, \$3.85. Western bulls, 1,070 lbs. average, \$2.90. The receipts in the quarantine division falling off considerably. Some

of the steers that are now coming forward show a pretty fair feed. A bunch of 112 head, 1,105 lbs. average, sold at \$5.55. A bunch of 223 head of 1,067 lbs. average, sold at \$4.32½. Some cows sold as high as \$3.20, but quite a number of them sold at from \$2.55 @ \$2.75. Bulls, 1,050 lbs. average, sold \$2.75. Only 27 cars of fat cattle went to the seaboard on last week. Among the outside purchasers Cudahy headed the list as usual, with 1,845 head, going to Omaha; Ackerman sent out 461; Hammond, 391; Hall, 367, and Swift, 187. The stocker and feeder market for the week on the better grades was very satisfactory indeed; good prices were obtained for all desirable offerings, and while the poorer grades were rather sluggish, still a pretty fair sale of such was made. The week ended with shipments of 684 cars, containing 23,821 head, against 527 cars for the previous week, against 635 cars, containing 22,983 head, for the corresponding week one year ago.

The present week opened, Monday's receipts, 10,000; Tuesday, 12,620; Wednesday, 7,750. On Monday very few desirable cattle offered; the best prices paid for a bunch of 105, 1,367 lbs. average, \$5.65. On Tuesday, however, some few but very fair cattle offered, and some 1,466 lbs. average sold at \$6.05. A bunch of heifers and steers, 1,115 lbs. average, sold at \$6. The two first days developed a sort of weakness on pretty near all the grades, especially on plain half fat cattle; they were pretty much of a drag to the seller, and the market on such may be called 10 @ 15c lower. Some pretty fair Western steers were offered. A bunch of Colorado steers, 1,540 lbs. average, sold at \$5.40. Some Colorado cows, 1,000 lbs. average, as high as \$3.20. A bunch of 140 Western steers, 1,492 lbs. average, sold at \$5.55. Western cows, 832 lbs. average, at \$3.15. Western heifers, 837 lbs. average, at \$3.75. Some Western bulls, 1,300 lbs. average, at \$3.35. The receipts in the quarantine division the first two days of this week very small indeed. Some fairly finished steers on the market sold at \$4.15, but quite a number of them sold from \$3.20 @ \$3.35. The canning cows are in good demand. They are about the only grade that still command last week's prices. Wednesday's receipts small when compared with former Wednesday's receipts, still quite enough, as the coming Thanksgiving has cast its shadow over the dressed beef market. Take the market as a whole, a decline from 10 @ 20c per 100 lbs. on the various grades; the only cattle that really held their own were canning cows; they are still in good demand. The best grades of stockers and feeders also were in good request at strong prices.

HOGS.—There was a small, steady decline in prices during the entire week. While occasionally on some mornings there would be a spurt or two, still, taking the week as a whole, while the decline was not very much, still it was gradual. On Thursday heavy hogs closed \$3.90 @ \$3.95; mixed packing \$3.90 @ \$3.92½; light hogs, \$3.75 @ \$3.95; pigs, \$3.55 @ \$3.75; the top price, \$3.97½, with the bulk, \$3.90 @ \$3.95. On Friday a still weaker feeling, by say 2½c, and in some cases on Saturday still another 2½c deducted from the valuation. Toward the close of the week Mexico was in the market for some choice heavy hogs, but could only obtain one load on Saturday, for which they paid \$4, this the top

price for the day, but otherwise heavy hogs, even the best, sold from \$3.82½ @ \$3.92½; mixed packing closed \$3.82½ @ \$3.90, while the best light hogs sold from \$3.85 @ \$3.90, with pigs rather slow at \$3.50 @ \$3.75. The quality of the hogs for the week was fairly good. Shipments to outside parties, 3,425, against 6,664 head one year ago. The Kansas City purchasers complain that they are paying all around a higher price for their hogs than at any other market. They claim while other markets give higher prices for a few selected ones, yet still the discrimination made in grade, and corresponding lower prices paid for such, give other markets a better showing to the purchasers.

Receipts this week: Monday, 5,226 head; Tuesday, 4,484 head; Wednesday, 11,843. The quality on Monday above the average of such days, and Mexico in the market, purchasing the best, smoothest and heaviest grades for \$4, which was the top prices for the day; otherwise the packers paid \$3.90 @ 3.95 for the better grades; mixed packing sold \$3.90 @ \$3.92½; light hogs ranging \$3.85 @ \$3.95; with pigs rather slow at \$3.70 @ \$3.95; tops for the day, counting the Mexicans, \$4, with the bulk \$3.90 @ \$3.95. There was somewhat a better feeling in the market on Tuesday, the entire prices were a little more pronounced in valuation, so that on some grades a 2½c valuation higher. The heavy hogs selling \$3.92½ @ \$3.97½, with mixed packing \$3.92½ @ \$3.95; tops for the day, \$3.97½, with the bulk \$3.90 @ \$3.95. Early on Wednesday the speculators thought that they could boom the market on light hogs from 2½ @ 5c, but when Eastern reports came in, and reports also showed that the Western markets were pretty well supplied, and as the hogs offered were not to the packers' eye, at least, not as good in quality as those offered two days before, the advance was very soon lost, so that at present writing the market stands, on heavies, \$3.90 @ \$3.97½; mixed packing, \$3.90 @ \$3.95, while some of the prime lights sold at \$3.97½; later the best were sold at \$3.90 @ \$3.92½, light hogs selling at \$3.60 @ \$3.65; the tops \$3.97½, with bulk \$3.90 @ \$3.95.

SHEEP.—The prices on lambs for the entire week was fairly strong, the demand good, as the supply was not equal to such. Muttons, however, while they could not be quoted lower, yet held their own in a sort of sluggish manner. Among the sales may be noted some lambs, 100 lbs. average, \$5.25; a bunch of 136 Western fed lambs, 73 lbs. average, \$5.25; 241 lambs, 71 lbs. average, \$5; a bunch of 242 Western muttons, 105 lbs. average, \$4. Quite a number of Idahos on the market. Among the sales may be noticed some Idaho grass fed lambs, 71 lbs. average, \$5.15; 841 Idaho feeding, 59 lbs. average, \$4.50, and 400 Idaho grass muttons, 113 lbs. average, \$3.95.

This week, Monday's receipts, 1,497 head; Tuesday, 5,071; Wednesday, 2,502. The first two days of the week showed an active market, prices unchanged, and offerings sought after by the packers. Among the sales of the two first days may be noticed lambs, 90 lbs. average, \$5.25; a bunch of 252 Texas muttons, 92 lbs. average, \$3.65; a bunch of 408 Colorado muttons, 89 lbs. average, \$3.60; a bunch of 654 Arizona stock lambs, 82 lbs. average, \$3.07½. So far the stocker and feeder trade is in a very healthy condition indeed; the offerings find ready sale. On Wednesday, as Eastern and Western markets showed very liberal offerings and prices lower, the packers thought it a very wise policy to follow. Good lambs were about steady, while mutton showed a decline of about 5c.

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PACKINGHOUSE NOTES.

* The storage warehouse of Messrs. Totters Bros., at Toronto, Can., has been destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

* The large piggery of Perry Bros., a mile from West Brattleboro, Mass., has been burned to the ground. There was small insurance.

* The North Wales (Pa.) Live Stock Insurance Company has a membership of over 600, and has levied a tax of 4 per cent. to meet current expenses.

* It is announced from Ottawa, Can., that official notice has been given that the embargo on Canadian cattle entering Belgium was raised on November 15.

* The Jacob Dold Packing Company have taken out a permit to construct a \$50,000 building on the site of the structure which was burned at Kansas City, Mo.

* The incorporators of the new Sprague Ranch Company, of Cheyenne, Wyo., for engaging in the live stock trade are F. O. Harrison, W. S. Ingham and E. P. Palmer.

* The Iowa Packing Company, at Clinton, Ia., has resumed operating after a month's closing for repairs. Several new buildings have been set up and new machinery supplied.

* Advices from Galveston, Tex., report that upwards of 30,000 head of cattle are to be transported this month and part of next month for Cuba, from Southern ports and Mexico.

* At a meeting of the Dallas (Tex.) Commercial Club, the directory was addressed by C. W. Gould on the importance of the Southwestern Poultry Association holding an exhibit in that city in December.

* Detectives having in custody C. H. Bingham, alias Davis, returned from Mount Clemens, Mich., to Chicago. The prisoner is accused of obtaining \$3,000 worth of sheep, at the Union Stockyards, by false pretences.

* The Chattanooga Butchers' Protective Association, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has authorized the various committees to select a site and advertise for bids for their slaughtering establishment and refrigerating plant.

* H. R. Chesley, manager of the East St. Louis stockyards, has tendered his resignation, to take effect December 1. It is said that C. T. Jones, general superintendent of the National Stockyards will succeed Mr. Chesley.

* The Stuart Co-operative Creamery Company, of Stuart, Ia., has been organized to manufacture cheese and butter. The incorporators are: A. M. Davis, W. McKee, N. W. Brinton, L. Kearns and W. L. Compton, all of Stuart.

* The plant of the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company, at Kansas City, Mo., was destroyed by fire. The loss on building and contents was about \$40,000, partly covered by insurance. Rebuilding of the plant will follow.

* Edens Bros., of Corsicana, Tex., have 234 head of 4 and 5 year old steers, bought of Burk Burnett, shipped from his ranch in Wilbarger county. They are to be shipped for the Chicago market, and the price paid was \$34 per head.

* A charter of incorporation has been granted to the Dukes' Livestock Company, of Orangeburg, S. C. The officers are: J. W. H. Dukes, president; J. Wm. Stokes, vice-president; J. W. H. Dukes, treasurer; and Robert Lide, secretary.

* Dr. S. J. Murray, of Kansas City, has been stationed at Oklahoma City, O. T., for the purpose of inspecting cattle originating in that part of Oklahoma which lies south of Noble and Pawnee counties and in the Chickasaw Indian reservation.

* The Traders' Live Stock Exchange has been declared an illegal organization and perpetually enjoined from prosecuting its boy-

cott against the Farmers' Live Stock Association by Judge Holt, of the Common Pleas Court, Kansas City, Kan.

* T. A. Marlow and C. J. McNamara, of Big Sandy, Mont., gave their checks for \$8,000 in payment of 65 Herefords and Short-horns, at Kansas City, from K. B. Armour, John Morris and others. There are about 12,000 cattle on the Big Sandy ranch.

* According to the Kansas City (Mo.) "Journal" John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, has formed a partnership at the stockyards with the Siegle-Sanders Live Stock Commission Company. He puts \$200,000 into the enterprise, and Mr. Askew, of Kansas City, \$50,000.

* The directors of the Newport News (Va.) Abattoir Company decided to push to completion the work of erecting the big plant. The side tracks from the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad have been completed, and in one week the delivery of 4,000,000 brick and 400 carloads of stone will begin.

* The plasterers are at work in the building of the Reading (Pa.) Abattoir & Hide Company, and the concern expects to begin operations in a few weeks. The company is composed of De Long Bros., Jacob Fricker and C. C. Fisher. The building is located on Bingham street, below Fourth, and is of brick, 40x160 feet.

* The United States Court at Mankato, Minn., in which the Brundin Bros.' bankruptcy case has been tried, has rendered a decision in favor of the firm proving its solvency. The Brundin Bros. have been butchers and packers at Albert Lea for a number of years, and on May 1 were brought into bankruptcy by a banking firm of that city.

* Albert G. Richmond, president of the Canajoharie National Bank and part owner of the Imperial Packing Company, of Canajoharie, N. Y., was found dead in his bed at the home of his sister, New Woodstock, N. Y., recently. Apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause of his death. Mr. Richmond was about 60 years of age, and leaves a widow and one daughter.

* According to the report of the Denver (Col.) Union Stockyards, just published, the month of October was one of the busiest of the year, and yet the receipts fall short of

those of the same month a year ago. Cattle receipts were 41,453, as compared with 39,866 a year ago; hogs 10,113, to 7,740 last year; sheep 67,736, to 143,339 last year; horses 2,064, to 620 last year.

* The big retaining wall to hold the soil at the west end of the excavation at the Armour plant at South Omaha is nearing completion. Grading on the tract west of the beef house is finished and it is estimated that the contractor has removed since July 1 38,000 yards of dirt. Tracks will be laid for refrigerator cars, and numerous minor buildings will be erected. The work will not be completed before spring.

* The mayor and citizens of Sioux City, Ia., are in communication with four different companies who desire to obtain the old, silent Boogie meat packing plant in that city if favorable conditions, bonuses and franchises can be obtained in connection with it. This plant has been silent for years. The coming to Sioux City of the Cudahy and the International Companies has stirred up interest in this remaining plant.

* The Toronto (Ont.) "Globe" says that the promoters of the Stouffville Pork Packing Company are offering \$30,000 worth of stock in that enterprise for sale, being the remainder of the \$100,000 which it is intended to issue just now, the balance of \$70,000 having been taken up by the residents of Stouffville and vicinity. In view of the active demand in Great Britain for Canadian hams and bacon the company are making a strong bid for support.

* It has been reported that the movement of the wholesale grocers toward making certain changes in the present form of contracts for canned goods will probably succeed, and that before the selling season for futures in January begins an entirely new contract will be offered. Much dissatisfaction prevails over the present system because, it is claimed, many of the larger handlers of canned goods are favored with better terms than the smaller ones.

* The Lyon County (Kan.) Poultry & Live Stock Association have completed arrangements for holding a poultry show at Emporia, in December. H. B. Thomas, H. H. Spencer, J. W. McCullough and J. J. Madison were



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appointed a committee to arrange a premium list for the exhibit. It promises to be one of the finest shows in the history of the county. A premium list will be arranged so as to attract visitors from all parts of the State.

* W. H. Goodair, of Chicago, and G. M. Casey, of Clinton, Mo., recently met at Kansas City, Mo., and finished a deal by which Mr. Goodair became owner of the C. A. Bar brand of cattle for \$125,000. Six thousand head have been driven across the country from Roswell, N. M., to the Bartow ranch, near Midland, Tex., and the remaining 2,000 head are to be delivered in the spring. Mr. Casey is president of the Pinney Askew Cattle Company.

* There may soon be a stockyards and pork-packing plant at Toledo, O. If the present deals and contemplated deals go through a large Chicago meat concern will locate a good-sized plant in that city upon a 20-acre area, which is now under advisement. A Toledo banker, when asked the meaning of the deposit of a letter of credit for a large amount in his bank, said: "I think you will be safe in saying that Toledo will have large stockyards and pork-packing establishments in the near future."

* The big live stock commission firm that is being organized by many shippers and producers in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska will, it is said, soon be opened for business at Kansas City, Mo. The company is being promoted by ex-Congressman M. S. Peters, of Kansas City, Kan., and has attracted much attention for the reason that it is the first attempt that has ever been made by the live stock producers to invade the field that has heretofore been occupied by the commission men and brokers.

* The Waco (Tex.) Poultry Association will give its fourth annual exhibition, from the 28th of November to December 2, inclusive. The officers are: P. A. Richards, president; G. M. Knebel, vice-president; W. D. Jackson, Jr., secretary and treasurer. The premium list is very long and includes all of the standard breeds of poultry. The show will last four days and will wind up with a poultryman's ball on the night of the 2d proximo. The catalogue and premium list is a handsome illustrated annual of eighty pages. It has been distributed to all the poultry, pigeon and pet stock people in the Southwest.

* A slaughter and packinghouse company has been formed at Toledo, O., by Jacob Folger, Max Rothfuss, Robert Villwock and twenty of the retail butchers of that city, to do a general meat business. The capital of the company is placed at \$100,000. Mr. Folger takes \$25,000 of the stock, Messrs. Rothfuss and Villwock each take \$15,000, leaving \$45,000 worth of stock to be taken up by the other members of the company. It was first intended to capitalize at \$200,000, paying in \$150,000, but Mr. Folger's plan on the above basis was finally acceded to. He now has a meathouse on St. Clair street, and it is intended to build a \$45,000 house alongside his West Toledo establishment. This company will slaughter its own stock, buying same from Western holders.

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AS THE TRADE SEE US.

The National Provisioner has received a large number of letters congratulating this journal on the merits of its cold storage warehouse number issued Nov. 11, and expressing satisfaction and approval of the paper in general and the value of every issue to these friends and readers. The National Provisioner is highly endorsed as a storehouse of useful, interesting and valuable information of a technical and trade character, for its loyalty to provision and allied interests, for its broad and independent editorial policy and as an advertising medium. We are pleased to merit these encomiums, and for these many congratulatory letters, together with the expressions of approval which have been made verbally to us, we are highly appreciative. We print the following letters, which have come to us indicating how others view the efforts put forth by us for the whole trade:

Valuable for Manufacturers.

(Lewis Mfg. Co., Ice-Making and Refrigerating Machinery, H. J. Lewis, Gen'l Manager.)

New York, Nov. 18, 1899.

We take this opportunity to express our approval and appreciation of your valuable paper as an advertising medium.

The fact of its circulating so largely among a class of substantial readers should interest all manufacturers who desire to reach this trade.

Very Complete and Attractive.

(Samuel Cabot, Insulating Quilts.)

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18, 1899.

Your special cold storage warehouse number [issued Nov. 11, 1899] seems to us a very complete and attractive thing, and one that reflects credit upon its compiler.

A Credit to the Trade.

(Kings Provision Co., Robert McVickar, Mgr.)

New York City, Nov. 18, 1899.

We have received your special cold storage warehouse number of Nov. 11, and must congratulate you upon its production. The issue is a credit to not only yourselves but the trade in general, who show their good taste by supporting your valuable paper.

The Best Advertising Medium.

(Standard Paint Co., Frank S. De Ronde, General Sales Agent.)

New York City, Nov. 18, 1899.

We hasten to congratulate you on this most excellent issue [Nov. 11]. We have taken the liberty of sending the extra copies we asked for to some of our friends, both here and in Europe, whom we know will be not a little interested in your most excellent descriptive article of the Gansevoort Cold Storage plant in this city, but also in the many items of interest mentioned. We have been advertisers in your paper for a great many years, as well as constant readers of it, and can frankly say we feel that we have received better and more satisfaction and more valuable information from your publication than any other of a similar nature that we have ever advertised in. We speak from more than ten years' experience. Wishing you the continued success that you deserve, we beg to remain, etc.

An Educator in the Cold Storage Field.

(U. S. Mineral Wool Co., H. Franz, Sec'y.)

New York City, Nov. 18, 1899.

I have looked over your special cold storage number, and am satisfied that it ought to be instructive reading to any one contemplating any cold storage work, as no doubt considerable education in that line is still necessary for those in charge of such planning, if one can judge from the large variety of ideas which are put into practice in more than experimental ways on the subject of insulation. Your paper appears to present weekly a résumé of matter relative to the provision business which appears up-to-date, and drawn from such a wide field, must certainly demand a very large clientele of intelligent readers. Wishing you continued success, I remain, etc.

Credit to Both Publishers and the Trade.

(The Pacific Coast Borax Co., O. B. Zabriskie, New York Manager.)

New York, Nov. 18, 1899.

We consider your special cold storage warehouse number issued Nov. 11 a great credit to the publishers. The meat and provision industries of the United States are to be congratulated upon having such a wideawake and enterprising journal devoted to their interests. Its enterprise and push reflect great credit upon its management.

Valuable Information Every Week.

(Walter Reed & Co., Builders.)

New York, Nov. 18, 1899.

We have received your special cold storage warehouse number issued Nov. 11, in which we were specially interested. The article was certainly a very interesting one, covered the ground very thoroughly, and was treated in the most intelligent manner. The information we get from your paper is not only valuable but interesting.

Good Work Among the Trade.

(Theo. Smith & Sons Co., Packinghouse Machinery, Chas. H. Smith, Vice-President.)

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 18, 1899.

We take pleasure in complimenting your paper for the good work it does among the meat and provision industries, and feel that it has been the means of keeping our interest in that particular branch, continually before them. Trusting The National Provisioner will continue in its persistency in the future as it has in the past, we beg to remain, etc.

A Valuable Text Book for Future Reference.

(Francis Batchelder & Co., Wholesale Commission Merchants.)

Boston, Nov. 18, 1899.

We have taken pleasure in looking over your cold storage number of Nov. 11, and feel free to say that it practically furnishes a text book for cold storage people, and will be of great value for frequent reference.

We will say also that the ordinary issues of your publication are of practical value to us, as well as interesting from a gossip standpoint; the editorial work is also ably handled, and shows marked loyalty to provision interests.

We think you meet the needs of the provision world, and your labors should be crowned with success.

Much Pleased with Results of Ad.

(The National Ammonia Co., J. C. Atwood, Gen'l Manager.)

St. Louis, Nov. 20, 1899.

We are very much pleased with the appearance of our advertisement in your special issue of November 11, and expect to realize considerable advantage from it, as we feel we always have through our advertisements that have appeared in your medium.

Hides and Skins

MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

PACKER HIDES.—There is no tanner nor packer, of this generation at least, who has ever seen the market in its present strength. Every packer here now demands 14c for natives and less money won't buy them. The American Leather Company cleaned up the light branded cows at 12c. There seems hardly any limit which stock may not reach where such prices prevail for offerings of daily deteriorating quality. The situation is truly remarkable and can probably be ascribed more to abnormal demand than to any other cause.

No. 1 NATIVE STEERS, 60 lbs. and up, free of brands, are now generally offering at 14c, though no sale has been effected for more than 13½c, about 6,000 having moved at the latter price.

No. 1 BUTT-BRANDED STEERS moved to the number of 4,000 at 12½c. There is still a limited quantity offering at that figure.

COLORADO STEERS moved in substantial number at 12c.

No. 1 TEXAS STEERS sold in a small way at 13½c. There are probably fully as many of them offering, if not more, than of any other variety.

No. 1 NATIVE COWS, 55 lbs. and over, are a strong factor at 12½c; some packers now talk ¼c advance.

BRANDED COWS.—More than 20,000 brought 12c. There are still some offering at the price.

NATIVE BULLS moved in a small way at 9½c, and are now offering at 10c.

COUNTRY HIDES.—This market is very firm, largely because of the inflexible tone of the packer market; 11c isn't exactly a popular price, but the tanners are reluctantly paying this price to meet immediate necessities. Holders are stiff in their views and absolutely impervious to concession and would make any tanner who had the temerity to bid under the outside quotation look like a local option sentiment in a German village.

No. 1 BUFFS, 40 to 60 lbs., free of brands and grubs, are firmly sustained at 11c. Early in the week the market was practically cleaned up on this basis.

No. 1 EXTREMES, 25 to 40 lbs., have moved at 11½c and are being held by some at 11½c.

BRANDED STEERS AND COWS are a strong factor at 10½c@10¾c, and were well sold up. They are likely to advance.

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NATIVE BULLS, free of brands and grubs, are worth 9½c flat, and in advancing tendency.

CALFSKINS.—Country skins, 8 to 15 lbs., have moved in a small way at 13c.

No. 1 KIPS, 15 to 25 lbs., have sold in substantial amount at 12c, which establishes this price.

DEACONS continue "in the same old way" ranging from 62½c to 85c, according to weight, quality and selection.

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HORSEHIDES are a strong factor at \$3.50.

SHEEPSKINS.—The packers are so well sold up that they decline to sell ahead. Country pelts are also in a strong position. The appended schedule adequately reflects the tone of the market. We quote:

PACKER PELTS, \$1.35@1.40.

COUNTRY PELTS, \$1.10@1.25.

PACKER LAMBS, \$1.30@1.35.

COUNTRY LAMBS, \$1.00@1.10.

KANSAS CITY.

HIDES.—The last days of the week closed with what may be called a magnificent victory for the packers, when something near 20,000 November branded cows changed hands at 12c. This decidedly was as good a price as ever paid for branded cows in this country. Not only this, but butt brands sold at 12½c; Colorados also tipped the 12c valuation. Without a doubt the market is very strong; there does not seem to be a weak point all along the line, and while some tanners were pretty free purchasers lately, still there is no doubt but that quite a number of them are living from hand to mouth. The burning question still with both packer and tanner is how high may the one ask the other to pay. While leather is in pretty fair demand, yet still there is no doubt but that there is a certain risk in every hide bought at present prices and put into the vats. While the prospects at present on all hands of a steady prosperity is very flattering, indeed, still the tanners well remember that they have seen high prices shattered like a house of cards in a very short time in former years. It is never safe to say that history will not repeat itself; and therefore there is not a tanner in the country but will act very conservative and supply only his actual needs at such prices at present going. The packers realize this and while hides in a great measure sell themselves, yet still they are no ways backward in disposing of future slaughter at present ruling prices. They have everything to gain and nothing to lose by selling the early winter hides at what may be called "golden prices" indeed. Unless our Wall street bulls and bears make a fictitious scarcity of money, the present prices, owing to the diminishing kill that will of a necessity precede the holidays—when game will be the order of the day—the market may be looked on as a pretty steady one for several weeks to come.

SHEEPSKINS are still in good demand. The packers have still the old story to tell—plenty of buyers who are yet willing to pay present as king prices, being, say, \$1.30 for good wool pelts, with \$1@1.15 for lambs, with 80@90c for what the packers term shearlings or pullers.

BOSTON.

Ohio buffs went to 11½c, though there are buffs offering at 11c. There are a few New Englands on hand offering at 10½c. Buff prices are regarded as a husky proposition by local tanners who claim that at the relative prices of the raw and finished materials, despite advances on the latter, the conversion of hides into leather is hardly feasible.

PHILADELPHIA.

This market has acquired vigor in sympathy with Western contemporaries. Much stock has been moved, though, strange to relate, not at very satisfactory prices. We quote:

CITY STEERS, 12½@13c.

CITY COWS, 11@11½c.

COUNTRY STEERS, 11½@12c.

COUNTRY COWS, 10½@11c.

COUNTRY BULLS, 9½@10c.

CALFSKINS.—Inquiry stimulated.

SHEEPSKINS are in active request. Receipts promptly absorbed on arrival.

NEW YORK.

GREEN HIDES.—The cellars of the Swamp are thoroughly depleted; 14c and even 14½c is being demanded for natives, though the highest price paid is 13½c. Holders are very stiff in their views and the present prices are a revelation to this generation of tanners. The outside asking price even staggers the brokers. What more need be said?

No. 1 NATIVE STEERS, 60 lbs. and up, 13½@14½c.

BUTT-BRANDED STEERS, 12½@12¾c.

SIDE-BRANDED STEERS, 11½@12c.

CITY COWS, 11½@12½c.

NATIVE BULLS (flat), 10½@10¾c.

CALFSKINS (see page 37).

HORSEHIDES, \$2.00@3.25.

SUMMARY.

The strength of the present Chicago packer market is almost, if not quite, unprecedented. It required a considerable period to convince most buyers of hides that the scarcity and contingent prices were built upon a rock of sand, but this theory has been effectually dissipated. There is no longer the slightest question as to the total inadequacy of the supply to the demand nor is there any room for doubt as to the foundation upon which prices are resting. Both are absolutely genuine and neither seems susceptible of early disturbance. A hundred pounds of hide can not be converted into a similar quantity of leather any more than a 5-room flat can be completely equipped with a folding bed and a picture of Dewey, but it took a continuous succession of increasing prices to awaken some of the tanners to this fact. The market at every point, excepting Philadelphia, is exceedingly high and firm. The volume of traffic is as great as the short supplies will warrant. To sum the situation up in concise and pithy form, stock is scarce, prices high and may go higher.

CHICAGO PACKER HIDES.—

No. 1 natives, 60 lbs. and up, 14c; No. 1 butt-branded, 60 lbs. and up, 12½c; Colorado steers, 12c; No. 1 Texas steers, 13½c; No. 1 native cows, 12½c; under 55 lbs., 12¼c; branded cows, 12c; native bulls, 9½@10c.

CHICAGO COUNTRY HIDES.—

No. 1 buffs, 40 to 60 pounds, 11c; No. 1 extremes, 25 to 40 pounds, 11½@11¾c; branded steers and cows, 10½@10¾c; heavy cows, 60 pounds, and up, 11¼c; native bulls, 9½c; calfskins, for No. 1, 13c; kips, for No. 1, 12c; deacons, 62½@85c; slunks, 25@30c; horsehides, \$3.50; packer pelts, \$1.35@1.40; country pelts, \$1.10@1.25; packer lambs, \$1.30@1.35; country lambs, \$1.00@1.10.

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HIDELETS.

There is a rumor going the rounds of the Swamp to the effect that there is another upper leather combination projected, which will include most of the upper leather tanners not already in the American Hide & Leather Company. This report is given much credence in the Swamp and really seems well founded.

AN IMPORTANT GREEN SKIN ARRANGEMENT.

Mr. Joseph Haberman, who has been in the West for some days, returned to New York City this week. We can state that he has secured the co-operation of the Western tanners to look after their interests in the Eastern green salted calfskin market. From what we learn it would appear that the situation will be an harmonious one to all concerned to derive the best results. Such a thing as conflict is not expected, and it is believed that all interests will find this new relationship to be of mutual advantage; this includes the butchers in New York City, vicinity and the East generally, as well as their friends, the tanners.

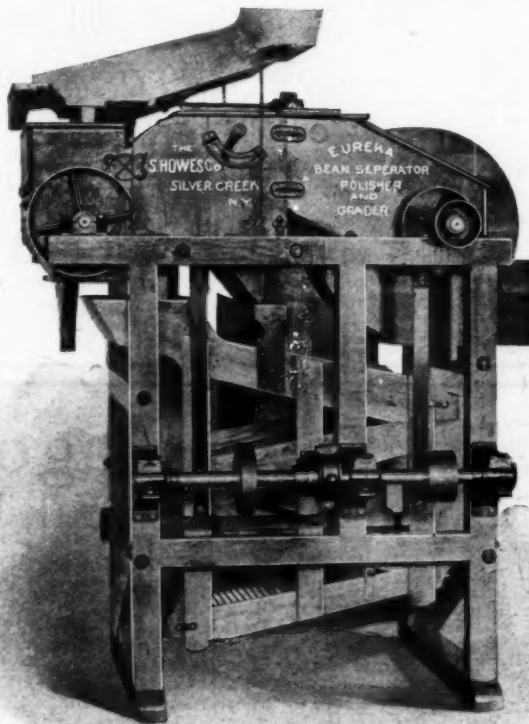
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(Concluded from last issue.)

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don't look for shucks; but when they're harnessed up, Jehoshaphat!"

Driving up the road, on the way back to the station, he added a further paragraph of observation. "Do you know what we call that?" he said, pointing at a white building that stood by the roadside, the top of which was graced by a large sign bearing the single word "Millinery." "Well, we call that the duck-pickers' bank, because they leave all the money they get there. Some of them women can make mighty good wages, and I tell you you won't find any slicker-looking people anywhere than them duck-pickers when they want to be."

The duck industry is not a joy forever to all

sands more will be marketed. When you eat your Thanksgiving or Christmas duck, it is quite likely, were the truth known, that it is one of the very Pekins that dived and swam in Eastport Creek, and acknowledged the sovereignty of the big thirteen-pound drake that rules Eastport duckdom, and rejoices in the name of Dewey.

PITTSBURG FAT STOCK SHOW.

The management of the Pittsburg Central Stockyards, at East Liberty, Pa., is offering three premiums, aggregating \$240, for the best load of cattle consisting of twelve head



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DUCK PICKING BY WHOLESALE; THESE PEOPLE PICKED 1,800 POUNDS OF FEATHERS THIS SEASON.

are sure to fly, and the picking-room looks as if someone had flung the contents of several feather beds into it, and then gathered the feathers again in the best manner possible. Everything is downy, even, as one of them said, to the mouths and throats of the pickers.

In almost every instance the picker is a woman or a girl. It is rapidly becoming a trade, and on most of the farms are women who have picked for their employers all the way from five to fifteen years. The picking season lasts six months, and, as the pickers are paid 12 cents for each duck they strip, active fingers can make good wages, for this 12 cents is beside the board, all workers being given three meals a day by the employer. The duck picker is apart by herself. She was best described, it seemed to me, by the shrewd old former captain of an oyster sloop, who "hitched up" and drove me to the duck farms. "These wimmen," said he, "make me think of the oyster crackers down at New Haven and in Virginia. When they're at work they

of the residents of Eastport. Ira D. Sankey, the gospel singer, is one of the latter. Mr. Sankey's home is located on the bank of Eastport Creek and his nearest neighbors are the largest duck farmers of the region. The steady quack, quack, quack of from 20,000 to 50,000 ducks is not a nerve-soothing sound, and Mr. Sankey has protested, but all in vain. The ducks continue to quack, and Mr. Sankey has either to stand it or move away. Duck farming is in a measure a recent industry. Twenty years ago the man who has shown the way to prosperity by this means was fishing crabs for a living in Great South Bay. His experience is proof enough for anyone that industry is the road to wealth and it is also true that almost any man of determination would be willing to work hard and steadily for two decades if, at the end of them, he could see the pleasant results that to-day surround the former crab fisherman.

The duck output of the Long Island farms this year has been fully 200,000, and thou-

or more. The purpose is to stimulate the shipment of extra choice cattle, especially for the Christmas trade. The exhibition will take place November 27.

President Isaac Blumenthal and Treasurer Lewis Samuels, of the United Dressed Beef Company, of New York City, and a party of prominent meat men will attend this important fat stock show, going to Pittsburg in sumptuous style on a special Pullman train over the Pennsylvania railroad.

* Great activity is reported in getting the International Packing Company's plant, at Sioux City, Ia., ready for operating. A large amount of machinery for the equipment of the plant, consisting of pumps, hydraulic presses, dynamos, hog scrapers, etc., is being shipped from Chicago. "The work is progressing finely," said General Manager Haakinson. "Hogs will be squealing here pretty close to December 1."

Tallow, Stearine, Soap

WEEKLY REVIEW.

All articles under this head are quoted by the lb., except animal oils, which are quoted by the gallon, all in packages.

TALLOW.—There was a sale of 100 hogsheads city at the close of the previous week at 4½¢; this showed ½¢ decline, since which time to the present writing the market has been a little steadier through small supplies wholly, while 50 hogsheads city were taken on Wednesday at an advance to 4 9-16¢; the melters ask 4 9-16¢. But the market is by no means exhibiting firm features. On the contrary we regard the position as quite tame over the country and held up here only by the small stocks, while it is undoubtedly decidedly dull. It looks as though the production was gaining over the consumption all over the country, and that if the demand is to continue of the present quiet order that there will be enough of an accumulation to possibly weakening affairs, although it does not look like a materially easier market. Through the remainder of this year the wants of the home trade are as usual likely to be slack, and the more so as the new year approaches. Beyond that period, however, the situation is more a matter of conjecture. The saving feature this week was the report on Wednesday of the London sale, which implies that there is less anxiety to sell there, since only 750 casks were offered, while one-half of it was sold. It was followed here by the advance of 1-16¢. It is not that export demand for several weeks has been of much consideration in supporting the prices here, but only that if export demand had come along greater strength would have resulted. But if the markets are to feel the usual lull from home trade sources, which is usually incidental with the winding up of an old year, an accumulation of tallow would result to shaking its prices, or the tone of the market at least, up a trifle, while up to a week or so tallow had been well sold up even independent of the indifference of exporters. It is, however, not possible to make accumulations of city made in the remainder of this month as it is well bought ahead, but it is more the December delivery to take into consideration, for which month all of the melters have their productions to sell. It is, however, more the fact that other markets have more tallow to sell,

while on this account, in connection with the dispiriting report of the London sale in the previous week, their prices have tended easier. Just now if there was more city in hogsheads to be had at 4 9-16¢ it could be sold, but so long as it is scarce buyers do not show their hands, and on that account there is only the demand for the 50 hogsheads referred to. The country-made does not come in at all freely, yet there is enough of it here for the current moderate demands, while its prices have not varied for the week. There have been sales of 175,000 pounds country at 4½¢@4½¢, as to quality, and occasionally 4½¢. The melters in the country feel that the market ought to do better and they are not willing to market their makes freely. We think, ourselves, that tallow would be better property to hold if there was a more stable condition of the markets for hog fats, as unquestionably, notwithstanding lard at around current prices does not interfere directly with tallow, yet if a sentiment of uncertainty remains on one it is apt to be diffused to the

other. Lard is now undoubtedly cheap and had ought to recover sometime in the near future, as there is a large export want of it held in abeyance, pending its becoming settled; but it is now more a question of the hog supplies and getting them in upon a reasonable basis that will for a little while at least interfere with the straightening out of the lard market. It looks now as though the contract city tallow, in hogsheads, would go into the home trade at 4 9-16¢.

At Chicago, prime packers quoted at 5½¢@5¼¢, No. 1 do. at 4½¢@4¼¢, No. 2 do. at 3½¢@4¼¢, city renderers at 4½¢@4½¢, prime country at 4½¢@4¼¢, No. 2 do. at 4@4¼¢.

OLEO STEARINE.—The market has a steady tone at 7¢, at which 200,000 pounds have been taken by the home trade. The situation is such that there is now a fairly steady tone. The consumption is sufficient to take up the makes and so long as pressers can prevent accumulations they are not likely to give way further, particularly as the product

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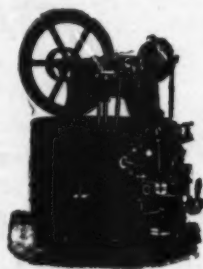
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LARD STEARINE.—There is a slack market, with little on offer, and not much demand. Quoted at about 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.

GREASE.—Nice grades suited to the wants of the home pressers, are not plenty, while they are held upon a fairly steady basis of values; otherwise the market is unsettled and in a good degree nominal. "A" white quoted at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, "B" white at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, yellow at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, brown at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4c, bone and house at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. At Chicago, brown quoted at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, yellow at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4c, and white at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

GREASE STEARINE is rather nominal at present, without much activity to trading. In a nominal way white quoted at 5c, and yellow at 4 13-16@4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

CORN OIL.—The shippers are steady buyers and use up about any important offering of the makers for future deliveries, while the position of the market is strong. Quoted at \$4.60@5.00 for large and small lots, and according to deliveries.

LARD OIL.—Rather more tone is shown over the market, although there is no marked activity in prime grade. There is, however, a very good business in low grade oils. Prime quoted at 42@44c.

(For Friday's closings, see Page 42.)

IN SEASON WHEN THE BELL RINGS.

The well-known firm of the William G. Bell Company, Boston, Mass., has issued tasty literature setting forth the value and wholesomeness of their spiced poultry seasoning and Three X sausage dressing. The fact of these justly famous goods having been on the market for over thirty years is a guaranty of their purity and health-giving qualities. Bell's famous sausage dressing is made of the granulated leaves of most fragrant sweet herbs and choice spices, so compounded as to give the most exquisite blend. Flavor and aroma both alike before and after cooking. It contains fifteen different constituents, and it is stated that each article is just as important to the sausage as each element is to the human structure, and that nothing else is required for the correct dressing and preservation of the sausage. The William G. Bell's Company's celebrated spiced poultry seasoning and Three X sausage dressing are placed with wholesale grocers and others. Price lists and sample showing flavors are cheerfully sent to all those interested.

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New York Produce Exchange Notes.

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THE CATTLE SYNDICATE.

A despatch from Fort Worth, Tex., states that C. C. French, in charge of George B. Loving's affairs during the latter's absence in New York, denied the Austin report that the big cattle syndicate enterprise was about to be abandoned owing to lack of support of Eastern capitalists, and adds that the information from Mr. Loving is in effect that the big deal is about successfully closed.

* A slaughterhouse is in course of building at West Newbury, Mass., for George Carr.

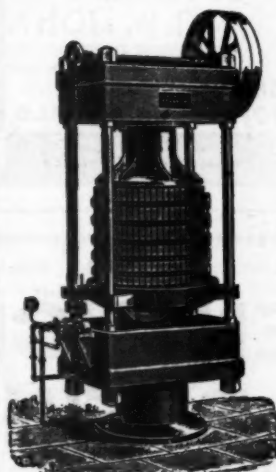
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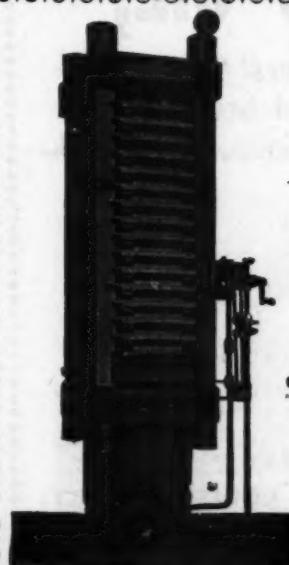
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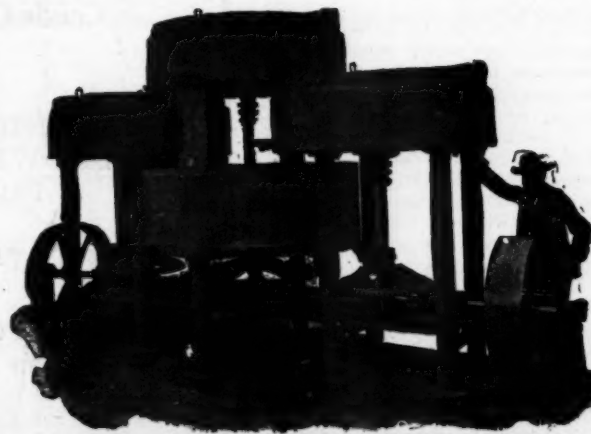
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WEEKLY REVIEW.

Quotations by the gallon, in barrels, in New York, except for crude in bulk, tank cars, which are the prices at the mills.

AGAIN HIGHER PRICES, BOTH AT THE MILLS AND SEABOARD—MARKED CONFIDENCE OF HOLDERS ALL AROUND—RESERVED OFFERS TO SELL LIMIT THE BUSINESS—DEMANDS ARE MORE URGENT.

The market has moved upward further, while it is a decidedly confident one, not only at the mills but at all seaboard points. This season thus far has justified the judgment of the mills over a higher market, while they never wavered from that opinion, even in the bear pressure which was noticeable about three weeks since. We have felt confident all along that the mills this season were calculating more upon certainties than usual, that they were better posted over the actual situation of the cotton crop, the probabilities of getting seed except at high prices, with its influence upon the productions, and while naturally bullish at all times over prices, or rather that their inclinations would be that way, that this year at least they had a sounder basis than ordinarily to work upon, and that their ideas were more to be relied upon than those entertained by exporters and other buyers, who were influenced more by the feeling of doubt over the possible effect of a shortened cotton crop and its ramifications, while setting back as well upon the thought that as they had got cotton oil comparatively cheap last year, that they would be able to do better this year than recent current prices, when the season was advanced to permitting larger accumulations of the oil to work upon. Then again the exporters had got a good deal of oil on contracts ahead through the latter part of August and early in September, at prices so much lower than those recently prevailing, that they have had since the indisposition to accept the new basis of values. The mills now are so sturdy over their views that where bids come very close to the recent sharply advanced prices, they are turned down, while many of them practically decline to sell. Since success has attended the efforts for higher prices of oil, it is quite probable that seed will be bought as freely as possible, notwithstanding the fact that the planters are now getting about the top prices of the season for it, since the advance for it, quoted in our previous review, was the extent of any concession that had been made for it on previous high prices. But, however freely the mills may be disposed to buy seed they are going to get less of it than through last year. The planters have more money than they, seemingly, as indicated by their indifference over selling seed except as they can get prices for it which by comparison with last year are extreme, and notwithstanding the shortened cotton crop, which is partly offset by the better prices for the staple. It must not be inferred by people who are not on the spot, so to speak, that the current buoyant opinions are likely to be of a temporary order, either as held by the mills or the general traders in this country, or that there is any thought here that they are likely to be at all modified in the near future. A distinct confidence by the trade rests upon the sub-

stantial features that have been referred to, and it extends to deliveries up to and including January, and which are substantially alike in price. For ourselves we believe that the late future is more uncertain than the deliveries this side of January, and that if high prices are to prevail in the later month that they will have to be backed up by a decidedly better position of the lard and as-

sociated fats markets. There is certainly room for improvement in the lard product, since its present prices are remarkably low, while when its market becomes permanently steady there will be a large export business in it; the stocks of it as well as being further reduced this month at the West; but at the same time there must be the consideration of the effect of the large hog supplies and their probable greatly improved quality through cheap feedstuffs through January and later deliveries, although it does not seem as though lard could get materially lower at any time, only that it may not show the advance necessary to give a consumption of compound lard upon a distinctly favorable basis in view of the high cost of cotton oil. Of course, compound lard is not by any means

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"all of the show," but it is of enough importance to carry a material influence. On the other hand, as a bullish feature, is the fact that oils produced from competing seeds in Europe are not likely to be plenty this year, and that at present cottonseed oil is as speaking in a general way, upon the most favorable basis for consumption, and that the wants of the European markets of cotton oil, however, delayed, are likely to be of a markedly vigorous order. Then again, "as all of the world knows," cottonseed oil soaps are more popular this year than ever before; that they are going into consumption extensively everywhere, in this country and Europe, and the attractiveness of the soaps, with the enterprise displayed in placing them before the attention of domestic and foreign markets, promises a consumption of the cotton oil for their make beyond even the quantities of last year, and which was then of that large order that they exerted as much influence over the market for cotton oil, as the drift of trading and prices for lard. If there is to be a reduced production of cotton oil this year, as against the previous season's exceptionally large production, and which we think is altogether probable, as indicated in our last review, the advantage by that much in its influence over prices would be with the selling interest. At any rate we think that the season will have to be further advanced before a very decided idea can be had over the later future deliveries, whatever opinions are now held. There is always the contingency over holding oil, and the holding is indulged in now by the mills more generally than ordinarily, of a spilling out of a few of the mills at any time, and which is usually followed by others in the fear that some source of selling is getting the better of others, of a reaction from firm prices, and when once a spirit of selling sets in, not much attention is paid to the cost

of production and other firm features; but it now looks as though liberal demands must come in before the mills could come to any such conclusion, since although the mills are holding oil yet demands have been materially behind those of last year up to this time, and there must be now a large unsatisfied requirement in every channel of consumption. Some exporters are now realizing the firm outlook of affairs, and while they are hesitating somewhat over the higher prices this week, yet they are very close in their bids to them; but in a general way export markets for large lots are not close enough in their offers to expect that right away they will accept as a trading basis the line of prices current. The West, more particularly the soap trade there, has been picking up whatever cotton oil it could get at the mills at inside figures, while it must be recollected that the price by comparison with last year is additionally against them by reason of the fact that there is a much smaller proportion of off grade oil to be had than then, and that they are compelled to use more prime oil on the nice quality of the oil produced this year. The Atlantic mills have sold crude in tanks at 21c, about all they would offer at that price, and some of the mills there have had bids of 21½c, and declined to sell. Indeed, many of the mills practically decline to sell. Texas, as well, has all sorts of prices, running from 21½c up to 23c, and with the same sentiment concerning indisposition to sell. In New York, up to this writing, 29c is asked for prime yellow, for spot, November, December and January deliveries, and 28½c bid. There have been sales here since our last report of 800 bbls. prime yellow, on the spot, at 28½; 1,750 bbls. do., for December delivery, at 28¼@28½c, 2,500 bbls. do., for January delivery, at 28@28½c; 1,500 bbls. winter yellow, at 31½@32c; also 300 bbls. crude at 25c. At the mills,

sales of 20 tanks crude, at near Atlantic points, at 21@21½c, and 10 tanks in Texas at 21@22c.

(For Friday's closings, see Page 42.)

TEXAS OIL AND CAKE MARKET.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 20.—(Special Correspondence of The National Provisioner.)—Our market for oil has developed some strength, and price advanced to 21c, at which there has been quite a lot sold, both to packers and refiners, and from inquiries now made for deliveries after the first of the year, it looks as if the market might advance a cent or two.

Several of our mills have run out of seed and closed down and a majority of them will close for the season next month. Of course, a few will run a month or two in the new year, but this not from an increased receipt of seed, but that they have closed down and will not resume their runs until later in the year, say December or in January.

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George L. Thayer, formerly a well known Boston resident, died at Belmont, Mass., recently. Mr. Thayer was born in Boston 81 years ago. After securing his early education in the public schools of that city he entered in the leather business. Soon he joined the firm of Thayer, Field & Co., leather jobbers, of Central street, Boston. This firm later became known as Thayer, Field & Whitcomb.

A report from Charlotte, N. C., says that an organization has taken place of the cotton oil mill men of the Piedmont section, of which there are a large number.

Coons & Pratt Cotton Mills Company, of Huntsville, Ala., will have an oil mill in connection with their round bale plant and factory.

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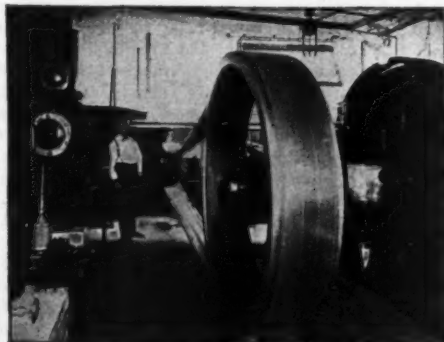
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THE PURE FOOD COMMISSION

The United States Pure Food Commission which, as the Senate Commerce Committee, has been sitting at the Imperial Hotel, Broadway and Thirty-second street, New York City, during the past two weeks, held its last session on Wednesday, and, after taking very important testimony, adjourned to meet again in Washington to complete its arduous work. Senator William E. Mason, of Illinois, who is the chairman of the commission, presided at all of the meetings and, seemingly, never tired of the ceaseless worming into the mysteries of the foods and condiments daily eaten by our people.

Among the first batch of witnesses heard at this fruitful session on Wednesday morning was President Busch, of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Busch came near saying that he was president of the United-something-or-other when asked his business, but only got as far as "president of the United"—then blushed like a timid youth. We are not afraid of some beers now after his certificate of character. He said that he agreed with the doctors, that small amounts of preservatives were not injurious to health nor to the beers in which they were used; and that while the preservatives in themselves were not harmful to health no real brewer would use them because good beer did not need them, as in proper beers the yeast had settled and was excluded, while in the poorer brews this element was left and fermented the beer.

The president of the Italian Chamber of Commerce had a load of woes against the practice of substitution of products in his agency line. He dealt in oils, wines and some other things.

Col. John F. Hobbs, of the editorial staff of The National Provisioner, and James C. Duff, S. B., the chief chemist of The National Provisioner's laboratory, having been summoned by the commission to appear at this session then followed in order.

"Col. John F. Hobbs, one of the editors of The National Provisioner," Senator Mason nodded to the stenographer, and whispered something about the chief food and provision journal of the United States. "Colonel, it was suggested to the committee that you would be a valuable witness to be heard by this commission. I telegraphed you to appear before us to-day and I am pleased to see you," remarked Senator Mason, as the witness took his seat.

"Anything my paper and I can do to assist this commission and the Government in the matter of pure food legislation will be done cheerfully. Occupying the position we do in our trade we did not care to cast ourselves in the way of the commission or to throw our services into its session because such a procedure would have been gratuitous affrontery for an apparent purpose and because anything we might have to say would lose its weight by that very act. We answer with pleasure your summons to appear and testify, both to show our respect for so important a commission of our Government and because the trades we represent have nothing to hide. On the contrary, they have just cause for complaint against business adventurers and such for whose reprehensible acts they bear odium and censure."

"We shall hear with pleasure anything you may have to say."

Col. Hobbs then spoke, in substance, as follows:

"The bona-fide manufacturers of this country will welcome a clear, strong, proper national pure food law. They make their products from pure materials, label them for what they are, and desire them to be sold as such to the trade, and by the trade to the consum-

ers. If there were a proper national law, strictly enforced, it would purge the market of much of the spurious stuff now sold as substitutes for the genuine articles that are made by respectable manufacturers. Our trade would welcome such a law which would free them at home from the frauds and adulterations of their standard classes of goods. To give an instance, without naming firms or individuals, I was taken to a place where butterine, a pure and a healthy product in itself, made and sold by the manufacturer as a compound of healthy oil substances, was bodily lifted from the package in which it came from the manufacturer, placed in an exact duplicate and labeled 'creamery butter.' The original package was heated around the outside sufficiently to free the substance. It was then removed and slipped into the other pail and there given its new name. The manufacturer gets no more than the blame by this, and he objects to the fraud on his goods. He gets the odium of the trick. He will welcome a law which will protect him and his product from such methods. The National Provisioner, in its laboratory, analyzes food products as they come in to the market. The laboratory of this paper has for some time been conducting a series of examinations into the character and the ingredients of many foods consumed in this country. We have done this with a view of keeping ourselves informed and to assist the Government at a later stage in its contemplated legislation in this line. We have already rendered service in this line to Washington and we shall continue our efforts in that direction. When our chief chemist, Mr. Duff, whom you have also summoned to appear before your committee, is heard he will give, in detail, technical evidence which will doubtless be of value to you. I shall be pleased to have other data as to many important food analyses which were made by our laboratory in the course of our examinations of various foods now selling in New York City, etc., compiled and forwarded to you as you request, to be incorporated in your report."

"The commission will be thankful for it," assented the chairman.

"The National Provisioner, as a paper, is in favor of a comprehensive, reasonable, clear, strong national food law. The trades which we represent are also in favor of such a law. Such a law is necessary to protect the manufacturer, the consumer and the legitimate food product from irresponsible and indiscriminate adulterations and imitations at home. It is necessary also as a guarantee of, and a protection to our goods abroad. Our exporters would welcome such a statute as a national certificate of merit upon which they can travel their goods."

"Correct labeling is a necessary adjunct of such a bill. The label on the package should reasonably represent what is inside of the enclosure. The makers of standard articles do not object to that."

"I was in Marseilles, France, and had an Italian sell me a bottle of cottonseed oil as the genuine olive oil of Italy. The product was made in Cincinnati, United States, and sold to the foreigner as cotton oil. The merchant did not change the firm's name nor the name of the city. He just had the word 'olive' neatly pasted over 'cotton' and let it go at that. When I reminded him that the oil was made in Cincinnati, he said:

"O, yes, plenty olives Cincinnati; olive grow wild Cincinnati, plenty."

"This only shows how our excellent cotton oils are shipped as such and resold over there as olive oils, and also are sent back here for us to buy as olive oils at \$1.30 per gallon instead of 35 cents, as sold in this country."

The audience laughed at the incident.

"I assure this commission that our trade is honest, and all right. Their products court rather than shun a law of standards and reasonable limitations which will insure the sale and protection of pure, wholesome foods."

"I do not know if I can say more without crossing Mr. Duff's track. He will give you technical information. But, if you will ask me any question I will answer it with pleasure."

Senator Mason glanced at his card and, looking up, said:

"You have covered the ground here marked out. The commission thanks you very much for appearing."

Mr. Duff was then called.

"What is your name and business?" Senator Mason asked.

"My profession is analytical and consulting chemist, and my business, packinghouse expert. I practice both."

"With what laboratory are you connected?"

"The National Provisioner analytical laboratory; official chemist to the New York Produce Exchange."

"Were you ever graduated as analytical chemist?" the Senator asked.

"I received my degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston."

"How long have you been engaged in analytical work?"

"Fifteen years."

After questioning the chemist closely as to his ability to give accurate and reliable expert testimony on the vital subjects desired to be reached by the committee, Senator Mason, as chairman of the committee, in a prolonged and searching examination availed himself to the fullest extent of the valuable services of the food expert whose testimony seemed to be so much desired and prized by this important congressional committee.

The Senator asked if there was much adulterated food on the market.

"The scope of adulteration is almost unlimited," replied Mr. Duff.

"Is there any pure food on the market?"

"Plenty of pure food, but purchasing at random, the consumer is extremely liable to be deceived into purchasing inferior or cheapened food products."

"How can this be prevented?" Senator Mason asked.

"By having articles of food labeled honestly. That is, if a food product is cheapened, let the fact be so stated on the label, in order that an innocent purchaser may reject the adulterated article if he desires to obtain a strictly pure product."

"What has been your experience in testing the various food on the market? That is, what specific things have you found adulterated?"

"Almost all manufactured food. For example, coffee has been found adulterated with chicory, roasted peas and beans; mustard, composed largely of flour and starch colored with turmeric or other coloring matters; seldom can ground mustard be found containing all the essential and fixed oils naturally found present in the seed. Pepper is one of the most largely adulterated articles in the line of spices. Cracker meal, husks and refuse have been found by me in several samples. Cocoa has been found to be sold, with 66 per cent. of starch and sugar in it. The label made no mention of it not being the pure article. The cheap jellies and jams are almost if not quite universally made from articles other than what is claimed for them. It is almost an impossibility to obtain a pure fruit jelly on the market, although a prolonged hunt might obtain it. Catsup has been analyzed which was not made of tomatoes, and in addition was artificially colored. Condensed milk has been subjected to investigation, with the result that

some cheap brands have been found utterly worthless. So much so that the sale of such should be made a crime."

"Did you know anything of renovated butter?" the Senator asked.

Mr. Duff then gave the committee the process by which rancid and filthy old butter is reworked.

"Is such stuff poisonous?" Senator Mason asked.

"Not necessarily; but it is a fraud to sell it as fresh creamery butter and, moreover, hurts the legitimate dairy interests of the country."

"What about butterine?"

"Butterine, or oleomargarine, is manufactured under Government supervision and is made from materials which are all healthful and wholesome, and is no fraud. Sold under its own name, it is not a deception. It is a clean and wholesome article of food."

Mr. Duff gave the results of his investigations of a great many different kinds of food products and said that while the adulterations found were not strictly poisonous in the quantities present, yet such sophistication was a fraud on the people. Mr. Duff laid stress on the fact that pure foods are on the market and can be obtained from respectable dealers.

—S. B. Stewart, of Huntsville, Ala., has given contract to the York Manufacturing Company, of York, Pa., for the necessary machinery to equip a six-ton ice-making and refrigerating plant.

The T. Bartlett Oil Mill Company, of Bartlett-Williamson Co., Tex., have filed articles of incorporation, and the capital stock is \$30,000.

EASTMANS DIRECTORS.

The meeting of shareholders of the Eastmans Company of New York was held last Tuesday and re-elected the old officers, as follows: B. Beinecke, president; Henry Van Holland, treasurer and general manager; Wm. Egenberger, assistant treasurer; Thomas Devoe, secretary. The following directors were elected: Joseph Eastman, chairman of the board; B. Beinecke, Henry Van Holland, President G. G. Williams, of the Chemical National bank of New York City; Mr. Joseph Hessdorfer, of Beinecke & Co.; Louis Ottman, of Wm. Ottman & Co.

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ADMISSION OF RETURNING CATTLEMEN.

The circular recently issued by the U. S. Treasury Department, through the office of the Commission General of Immigration, in respect to cattlemen returning from abroad, is as follows:

"To Commissioners of Immigration, Collectors of Customs and Immigrant Inspectors: It is ordered that all cattlemen returning to ports within the United States, holding certificates, duly signed by a Commissioner of Immigration, Collector of Customs, or an Immigrant Inspector, and visited by the United States Consul or Consular Agent at the foreign port of embarkation, shall be entitled, upon identification, to admission into the United States without further examination by the customs or immigration officers, to whom said certificate must be presented and surrendered."

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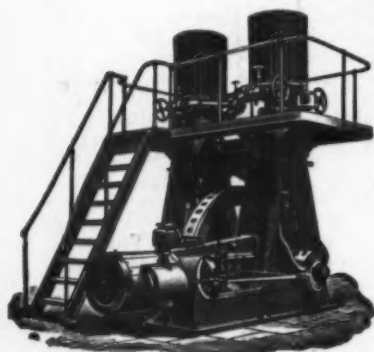
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Among the new enterprises at Bartlett, Tex., is a cottonseed oil mill under the management of Col. W. J. Cagle.

A permit has been granted to Desmond & Ryan to build a three-story brick soap factory on Spring Grove avenue, Cincinnati, O., to cost \$4,000.

The Nacogdoches (Tex.) cottonseed oil mill has begun operating. The mill has a capacity of forty tons of seed per day, and is running day and night.

The plant of the Beggs & Cobb leather factory, at Woburn, Mass., was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, and is covered by insurance.

Albert Bernard, of the firm of Bernard & Friedman, who has been appointed manager of the colored skin department of the American Hide & Leather Company, has been assigned for duty at the Boston headquarters.

The United States Leather Company directory will meet on the 28th inst., when it will be known whether or not a new plan for the readjustment of the company's securities will be proposed to take the place of the one that has failed.

It is reported that as subscriptions are active cotton mill No. 2 will be built at Dallas, Tex., within twelve months. Mr. R. D. Berry, of the Houston & Texas Central, is of the opinion that in a short time Dallas will feed 20,000 picked steers for direct export.

The Fort Smith (Ark.) cotton oil mill has been completed and is now in operation. The buildings cover two blocks of ground. The mill has a capacity of 100 tons per day, and will give employment to sixty men. The officers of the company are: G. M. Henson, president; W. M. Feigle, manager.

The cottonseed oil mill at Gonzales, Tex., has begun operating for the season. Mr. Hugh Lewis, president of the company, introduced Mr. George Burgess, who gave a pleasant address on the happy event and spoke at large upon the progress of the town, and its prospects of a cotton mill.

Twenty tons of cottonseed was burned on the Noble Lake place, twelve miles south of Pine Bluff, Ark. The seed was a part of the property of the North American Trust Company, of New York, who are insured in the sum of \$1,500. Fifty bales of cotton was also destroyed, making the entire loss \$3,000.

Ice and Refrigeration

—The New York State Dairymen's Association will hold its thirty-third annual meeting at Cortland, December 13 to 15 inclusive.

—The Malt Creamlet Company, for manufacturing products from malt cereals and milk, with capital of \$1,200,000, has been incorporated at Trenton, N. J.

—One of the new corporations is the Graydon Ice Company, of Chicago. Capital, \$50,000. Incorporators: John R. Graydon, F. Anderson and Robert J. Brand.

—The Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville, Ala., have closed negotiations for a \$25,000 ice plant, and bottling works. Plans are also on foot for the location of a large brewery.

—Joseph W. Paddock is now preparing plans for the cold storage building of the Paddock-Hodge Company. This large warehouse will be 200 feet square, and will be built at Toledo, O.

—The Tia Juana (Cal.) Packing Company has shipped a carload of refrigerated beef to Los Angeles, which comprised forty beeves. This is the first exportation of the kind in the history of the San Diego bay region.

—The Alaska Refrigerator Company, at Muskegon Heights, Mich., is employing 300 men. The concern has recently closed an order for thirty carloads of refrigerators for a Chicago firm, to be shipped about the 1st of February.

—A. G. Whitney and R. L. Gale, of the Osakis Milling Company, of St. Cloud, Minn., have bought a site on Sixth avenue, for the building of a complete cold storage plant to begin business on May 1 next.

—The Temple (Tex.) Cold Storage & Ice Factory has an engineer from St. Louis drafting plans for additional facilities. The capacity of the plant is to be doubled at a cost of from \$35,000 to \$40,000.

—The West Falls Creamery Company, of West Falls, N. Y., has been incorporated with a capital of \$8,000. The incorporators are: H. Gellner, W. C. Holmes, M. T. Snashell, W. Reading, H. L. Henshaw, all of West Falls.

—The Cleveland Pure Milk Company, of Cleveland, O., has been incorporated to deal in milk, ice cream, etc. The capital of the company is \$25,000. The incorporators are: W. P. Straight, F. B. Skeels, G. Willet, J. A. Ford, W. M. Monroe, all of Cleveland, O.

—The Virginia Brewing Company, of Roanoke, will erect a cold storage plant, producing

fifteen tons of ice daily, and a refrigerating capacity of twenty tons. The company is also building a beer storage plant in Pocahontas. The work is being done by local contractors.

—A consignment of mutton arriving in Sydney, Australia, from Brisbane, was condemned by reason of its having undergone a chemical change during the voyage, rendering it unfit for use. It is very evident from this instance that if the intercolonial meat trade is to be successful, the steamers must be fitted with refrigerating chambers.

—A new creamery will be established at Haverhill, Mass. A company has been formed with Essex S. Abbott, of that city, as its legal adviser. The officers of the company are: H. N. Sawyer, president; Chauncey Gleason, treasurer; G. M. Wason, B. F. Barnes, E. A. Emerson, M. H. O'Connor and J. B. Sawyer, directors. The establishment of the creamery will be undertaken at once.

—K. Yamamoto, president of the Kobe (Japan) Chamber of Commerce, with several other Japanese commercial gentlemen, were visitors recently on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange. The delegation, which has visited Washington and other important Eastern cities, was accompanied about the West Side by William Willis, manager of the Merchants' Refrigerating Company, for the purpose of gaining knowledge of American methods of refrigeration, with a view to building plants of a similar character in Japan.

CANADIAN COLD STORAGE FACILITIES.

Prof. Robertson, the Dominion Dairy Commissioner, has held an important conference with the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association regarding the improvement of transportation facilities for butter and the retaining of advances which have been made this year. Prof. Robertson said that the system of cold storage was introduced by the Government in 1895 and the trade from the port of Montreal had increased from 32,053 packages in 1894, to 444,376 packages in 1899 up to the 11th of November.

After hearing the address the association unanimously resolved to request the Government to continue to assist the weekly cold storage service to Liverpool, London, Bristol, Glasgow and Manchester, and a monthly service to Newcastle.

PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS GRANTED IN WASHINGTON.

636,238. HOG RING. James O. Bechdolt, Collett, Ind. Filed Aug. 13, 1898. Serial No. 688,504.

636,255. PROCESS OF SIMULTANEOUSLY COOLING AIR AND PURIFYING AND REGULATING ITS MOISTURE, AND APPARATUS THEREFOR. Elmer Gates, Chevy Chase, Md. Filed July 31, 1897. Serial No. 646,610.

636,281. MILK PASTEURIZING APPARATUS. John B. O'Connor, Traer, Iowa. Filed July 15, 1899. Serial No. 724,009.

636,282. CHURN. James B. O'Donnell, Pittsburg, Pa. Filed Oct. 21, 1898. Serial No. 604,174.

636,389. AUTOMATIC WEIGHING SCALE. Elmer C. Pool, New Castle, Pa., assignor of one-half to Alexander E. Baer, same place. Filed Oct. 31, 1898. Renewed Oct. 7, 1899. Serial No. 732,965.

636,414. COTTONSEED CONVEYOR, John T. Moore, Yantis, Tex., assignor of two-thirds to Kimbo T. Denton and Robert S. Blythe, Sulphur Springs, Tex. Filed Aug. 12, 1899. Serial No. 727,064.

636,436. BAG-FASTENER. William J. Lankford, Topeka, Kan., assignor of one-half to Charles M. Grant, same place. Filed April 14, 1899. Serial No. 713,020.

636,446. COW MILKER. Nek H. Norby, Cooleysville, Minn. Filed Feb. 1, 1899. Serial No. 704,143.

636,449. AIR-TIGHT PACKAGE. Franklin G. Peck, Chicago, Ill., assignor to the Seymour & Peck Company, same place. Filed Feb. 14, 1899. Serial No. 705,501.

636,454. SOAP HOLDER. Luciano S. Rubira, Hackensack, N. J., assignor of two-thirds to George A. Fish and James V. Simpson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Filed Oct. 12, 1899. Serial No. 718,949.

636,473. SCISSORS FOR CUTTING LEATHER, ETC. Georges Thuillier, Nogent en Bassigny, France. Filed June 1, 1899. Serial No. 918,949.

636,491. ROLLING DOOR FOR REFRIGERATORS OR THE LIKE. Charles Cohen, New York, N. Y. Filed Oct. 29, 1898. Serial No. 694,937.

636,497. APPARATUS FOR PURIFYING WASTE WATER. Jules Delattre, Roubaix, France. Filed June 13, 1899. Serial No. 720,400.

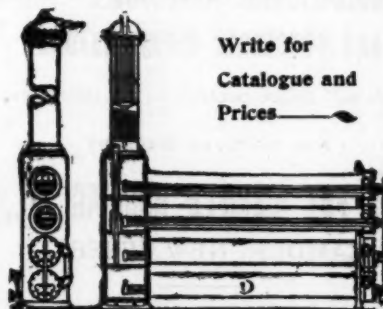
636,528. FRUIT STEAMER. Alfred J. Henderson, Dallas, Tex. Filed June 20, 1899. Serial No. 721,257.

636,546. POULTRY CAR. Frances X. Mudd and Elias Hedrick, Chicago, Ill., assignors to the Live Poultry Transportation Company, same place. Filed April 4, 1898. Serial No. 676,451.



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636,618. BARREL FILLING OR RACK-
ING MACHINE. Dillon Beebe, Newark,
N. J. Filed July 19, 1898. Serial No. 686,-
348.

636,630. BUTTER WORKER. Alfred O.
Butler, Jumbo, Ohio. Filed Jan. 12, 1899,
Serial No. 701,941.

636,636. CHURN. Orlando J. Cole, Arlington,
Ky. Filed April 18, 1898. Serial No.
678,051.

636,646. CLOSURE FOR RECEPTACLES.
Charles T. Draper, Cleveland, Ohio. Filed
July 14, 1899. Serial No. 723,818.

636,651. AIR PURIFIER FOR REFRIG-
ERATORS. John C. Fleming, Philadel-
phia, Pa., assignors of one-third to August
J. Macdonald, New York, N. Y. Filed Sept.
26, 1898. Serial No. 691,845.

636,685. WEIGHT AND PRESSURE RE-
CORDING APPARATUS. Edward Mc-
Garvey, Bellefonte, Pa., assignor of one-
half to Guy C. Linn, same place. Filed
Jan. 12, 1899. Serial No. 701,918.

636,714. WOOL CLEARING MACHINE.
James Brandy, Lawrence, Mass., assignor
of one-half to Roswell C. Taylor, same
place. Filed Feb. 4, 1899. Serial No. 704,-
451.

Trade-Marks.

33,685. LOW-GRADE WRITING PAPER.

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WRITE FOR SAMPLES.

Hy. Lindenmeyr & Sons, New York, N. Y.
Filed Oct. 11, 1899. Essential feature: The
word "Neptune." Used since April 1, 1899.
33,686. TOILET PREPARATION IN THE
form of a cream and of a soap. Harry E.
Stuart, Palatka, Fla. Filed Oct. 11, 1899.
Essential feature: The word "Arolene."
Used since March 3, 1899.

Through an unfortunate typographical error
in our issue of November 4, page 30, trade-
mark No. 33,603, granted in Washington to
the N. K. Fairbank Company, was recorded
incorrectly. It should have read this way,
which is the correct record: 33,603. Laundry-
soap. The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chi-
cago, Ill. Filed September 12, 1899. Essen-
tial feature, the representation of an ark.
Used since May, 1891.

Read The National Provisioner.

Pork Packing.

Special reports show the number of hogs
packed since November 1 at undermentioned
places, compared with last year, as follows:

Nov. 1 to Nov. 15—	1899.	1898.
Chicago	345,000	400,000
Kansas City	130,000	150,000
Omaha	85,000	80,000
St. Louis	70,000	75,000
Indianapolis	53,000	61,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	17,000	15,000
Cudahy, Wis.	25,000	20,000
Cincinnati	36,000	37,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	53,000	62,000
Ottumwa, Ia.	32,000	28,000
Cedar Rapids	11,000	8,000
Sioux City, Ia.	21,000	17,000
St. Paul, Minn.	20,000	15,000
Louisville, Ky.	19,000	27,000
Cleveland, O.	20,000	15,000
Wichita, Kan.	10,000	8,500
Marshalltown, Ia.	4,000	3,800
Bloomington, Ill.	4,500	3,800
Above and all other.	1,010,000	1,080,000

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Oil cake.....	17/6	17/6	18
Bacon.....	22/6	25/	21
Lard, tea.....	30/	30/	2 M.
Cheese.....	30/	30/	2 M.
Butter.....	22/6	25/	21
Tallow.....	4/6	5/	21
Beef, per lb.....	3/3	3/6	21
Pork, per bbl.....			

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LIVE CATTLE.

Weekly receipts to November 18:

	Bees.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Hogs.
Jersey City.....	3,841		1,102	26,279	15,410
Sixtieth St.....	4,241	129	3,683	20,781	
Fortieth St.....					29,454
Hoboken.....	1,867	40	40	1,880	
Lehigh Val. R. R.....	2,524				3,842
Baltimore & O.....	1,754				
Westhaver.....	400				
Seaboard.....			136	69	
Totals.....	14,617	169	4,961	49,009	48,706
Totals last week.....	13,093	187	5,531	53,024	41,192

Weekly exports to November 18:

	Live Cattle	Live Sheep	Quart.
Eastmans Company.....			1,900
Nelson Morris.....			7,160
Armour & Co.....			1,740
J. Shambert & Son.....	450		
Schwarzschild & Sulzberger.....	400		2,300
W. W. Brauer Co., Ltd.....	905		
Swift and Company.....			2,053
W. A. Sherman.....	178		
A. E. Outerbridge & Co.....	18	16	
G. F. Lough & Co.....	6	10	
Total shipments.....	1,907	26	15,153
Total shipments last week.....	1,471	1,077	13,534
Boston exports this week.....	1,876		10,179
Baltimore.....	250		
Philad'a.....			1,150
Montreal.....	1,703	276	
To London.....	905		4,353
To Liverpool.....	3,013		22,129
To Glasgow.....	952		
To Hull.....	178		
To Newcastle.....	286		
To Manchester.....	480	275	
To Bermuda and West Indies.....	24	26	
Totals to all ports.....	5,738	301	26,482
Total to all ports last week.....	6,255	2,349	29,393

QUOTATIONS FOR BEEVES (New York).

Good to prime native steers.....	5 40	a 6 09
Medium to fair native steers.....	4 90	a 5 35
Common native steers.....	4 40	a 4 85
Stags and Oxen.....	2 75	a 4 65
Bulls and dry cows.....	1 60	a 4 00
Good to prime native steers one year ago.....	4 85	a 5 25

LIVE CALVES.

The market continues very dull, with little change in prices. Demand very poor. We quote:

Live veal calves, prime, per lb.....	8	a 8 1/2
common to good, per lb.....	7	a
Buttermilk calves.....	3	a 3 1/2

LIVE HOGS.

There was little change in prices this week, the market ruling steady. Demand fair. We quote:

Hogs, heavy weights (per 100 lb.) extreme.....	4 30	a 4 30
" heavy.....	4 35	a 4 35
" light to medium.....	4 40	a 4 50
Pigs.....	4 50	a 4 60
Roughs.....	3 30	a 4 00

Hog Markets in Leading Cities.

(Special for The National Provisioner.)

CHICAGO—Steadier than early; fairly active; \$3.75@4.05.
CINCINNATI—Active, strong; \$3.45@4.4.
ST. LOUIS—Steady; \$3.85@4.05.
OMAHA—Steady to easy; \$3.80@3.90.
E. BUFFALO—2 1/2@3c lower; fair demand; \$4.10@4.20.
LOUISVILLE—Slow; \$3.85@4.
PITTSBURG—Steady; \$4@4.10.
KANSAS CITY—Steady; \$3.90@3.97 1/2.
CLEVELAND—Yorkers, \$4.05@4.10; mediums, \$4.10.
INDIANAPOLIS—Active; \$3.90@4.07 1/2.

LIVE SHEEP AND LAMBS.

There was a light run on sheep and lambs this week. Prices steady, with poor demand. We quote:

Lambs.....	5	a 5 1/2
Live sheep, prime.....	4 1/2	a 4 1/2
common to medium.....	3 1/2	a 4

LIVE POULTRY.

Demand fairly active and market a shade stronger. Roosters firm. Fattened holiday ducks and geese command more than quoted, but offerings of such very light and figures given cover general sales. We quote:

Chickens, per lb.....	a 7 1/2
Fowls.....	a 8 1/2
Roosters, old, per lb.....	a 5 1/2
Turkeys, per lb.....	7 1/2 a 8 1/2
Ducks, per pair.....	.80 a 70
Geese, ".....	1 10 a 47 1/2
Pigeons, ".....	.20 a 25

DRESSED BEEF.

The market remains in an unsatisfactory condition, prices ruling lower. Demand poor. We quote:

Choice native, heavy.....	8 1/2	a 9
" light.....	7 1/2	a 8 1/2
Common to fair native.....	7 1/2	a 8
Choice Western heavy.....	7	a 8
" light.....	6 1/2	a 7
Common to fair Texan.....	6	a 6 1/2
Good to choice heifers.....	7	a 7 1/2
Common to fair heifers.....	6 1/2	a 7
Choice cows.....	6 1/2	a 7
Common to fair cows.....	5	a 6 1/2
Good to choice oxen and stags.....	8	a 6 1/2
Common to fair.....	5 1/2	a 6
Fleshy Bologna bulls.....	5	a 5 1/2

DRESSED CALVES.

The calf market this week was very slow, prices ruling about steady. We quote:

Veals, city-dressed, prime.....	a 13
" country-dressed, prime.....	10½ a 11

DRESSED HOGS.

There was a fair demand for dressed hogs, prices ruling steady. We quote:

Hogs, heavy.....	a 5 1/2
" 120 lbs.....	a 5 1/2
" 140 lbs.....	a 5 1/2
Pigs.....	a 6 1/2

DRESSED SHEEP AND LAMBS.

The market this week was completely demoralized. Prices ruled lower. Demand very slow. We quote:

Prime lambs.....	7	a 8
Good to choice lambs.....	6 1/2	a 7
Common to medium lambs.....	6	a 7
Good to prime sheep.....	6	a 7
Common to medium.....	5	a 6

DRESSED POULTRY.

Receipts last six days 17,317 packages; previous six days 12,586 packages. The receipts are simply enormous, and far in excess of the present wants of the trade. Turkeys are in very heavy supply, and the market is in very discouraging shape. There is a large accumulation of good, useful turkeys. Western chickens and fowls in demoralized condition. The demand is very light, and accumulations heavy. Nearby chickens plenty; very dull, and prices uncertain. Prime ducks and geese sell fairly, but plenty of ordinary quality which are very dull. Squabs unchanged. We quote:

Turkeys, young, Western fancy.....	10 1/2	a 11
" fair to good.....	9 1/2	a 10
" inferior.....	8 1/2	a 8
Spring chickens, Phila., large, per lb.....	13 1/2	a 14
" mixed weights.....	9 1/2	a 11 1/2
Penn., mixed weights, d. p.....	9 1/2	a 10 1/2
" scalded.....	9 1/2	a 8 1/2
Western, dry-picked, fcy.....	7 1/2	a 8
" fr to good.....	8	a 8 1/2
" ac, av. prime.....	8	a 8 1/2
" fair to good.....	7 1/2	a 8 1/2
" poor.....	6 1/2	a 6 1/2
Fowl State and Penna., good to prime.....	8	a 8 1/2
" Western, dry-picked, prime.....	8	a 8 1/2
" Southwestern.....	8	a 8 1/2
" Western, scalded, av. prime.....	8	a 8 1/2
" poor to fair.....	6 1/2	a 6 1/2

Old cocks, Western, per lb.....	6	a 6 1/2
Ducks, Jersey and Md.....	10 1/2	a 13 1/2
" Western, old, per lb.....	7 1/2	a 8 1/2
" young, prime, per lb.....	8 1/2	a 10 1/2
" inferior, per lb.....	5 1/2	a 6 1/2
Geese, Western, young, prime.....	8 1/2	a 10 1/2
" inferior.....	6 1/2	a 7 1/2
Squabs, choice, large white, per doz.....	1 35	a 1 60
" dark, per doz.....	1 35	a 1 60
Culls, per doz.....	60	a 85

PROVISIONS.

The demand for provisions this week was fair, prices ruling about steady. Pork loins badly demoralized. We quote:

(JOBBER TRADE.)		
Smoked hams, 10 lbs average.....	11	a 11 1/2
" 12 to 14.....	10 1/2	a 11
" heavy.....	10 1/2	a 10 1/2
California hams, smoked, light.....	7	a 7 1/2
" heavy.....	6 1/2	a 7
Smoked bacon, boneless.....	9 1/2	a 10
" (rib in).....	9	a 9 1/2
Dried beef sets.....	14	a 16 1/2
Smoked beef tongues, per lb.....	16	a 17
" shoulders.....	7 1/2	a 8
Pickled bellies, light.....	7 1/2	a 8
" heavy.....	7 1/2	a 8 1/2
Fresh pork loins, City.....	8 1/2	a 9
" Western.....	6	a 8

LARDS.

Pure refined lards for Europe.....	5 75	a 5 60
" South America.....	6 60	a 6 25
" Brazil (Kags).....	7 75	a 7 40
Compounds—Domestic.....		
Export.....		
Prime Western lards.....	8 27 1/2	a 37 1/2
" City lards.....	8	a 10
" lard stearine.....	6 75	a 6 60
" oleo.....	7 50	a 7 00

FISH.

Cod, heads off.....	5	a 7
" heads on.....	2 1/2	a 3 1/2
Halibut, White.....	14	a 16
" Grey.....	11	a 14
" Frozen.....	8	a 10
Striped bass, pan.....	8	a 10
Bluefish, Green.....	10	a 12 1/2
Eels, skinned.....	6	a 10
" skin on.....	3	a 5
White perch.....	4	a 6
Flounders.....	6	a 8
Salmon, Western, frozen.....	9	a 10
" Eastern.....	20	a 22
Smelts, green.....	10	a 12 1/2
Lobsters, large.....	13	a 14
" medium.....	10	a 12 1/2
Herrings, frozen.....		
" green.....		
Red snappers.....	8	a 10
Mackerel, Spanish, live, large, natives.....	35	a 40
Shad, N. O., bucks.....		
" rose.....		
Scallops.....	75	a 1 25
Soft crabs, large.....		
" medium.....		
Weakfish, frozen.....		
" green.....	6	a 8
Sea bass, Eastern.....	12 1/2	a 14
White fish.....	8	a 10
Pompano.....	20	a 22
Haddock.....	4	a 5
King fish, Southern.....	8	a 10
" frozen.....		
Ciscoes.....	4	a 5
Prawn.....		
Sea trout.....	6	a 75
Sheephead.....	10	a 12 1/2
Porgies, L. I.....		
Brook Trout.....		
Butterfish.....		
Flukes.....		
Green turtles.....	14	a 16

GAME.

Grouse in fair supply and selling slowly. Partridges steady for prime. Quail plenty and generally of regular quality. Rabbits steady. We quote:

Quail, fancy, per dozen.....	2 10	a 2 35
" av. best, fresh, per doz.....	1 60	a 1 85
" inferior, per doz.....	85	a 1 10
Partridges, prime, per pair.....	1 60	a 1 70
Grouse, prime, dark, undrawn, per pair.....	1 22	a 1 22
" pintail, prime, undrawn, pair.....	10	a 1 22
Woodcock, prime, per pair.....		
Ducks, canvas, 5 lbs. average to pair.....	3 00	a 3 10
" light weights to pair.....	1 35	a 1 60
" redhead, 5 lbs. average to pair.....	1 15	a 2 10
" light weights, per pair.....	35	a 1 10
" teal, blue w. ng. per pair.....	50	a 60
" teal, green wing, per pair.....	40	a 50
" common, per pair.....	35	a 40
Rabbits, per pair.....	30	a 35

BUTTER.

Receipts last six days 25,064 packages; previous six days 26,115 packages. Receipts of fresh creamery appear to be even lighter than last week, and while most receivers have been able to supply the urgent needs of regular customers, some have actually run short of fancy butter. Western imitation creamery very

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scarce and nominally firm. Factory has some movement, both in held and fresh, at unchanged prices; really fresh would bring a substantial premium if here. We quote:

Creamery, Western, extra, per lb.	a 27
" " firsts	a 25 1/2
" " seconds	a 24 1/2
" " thirds	22 1/2 a 23 1/2
" " State, extra	a 27
" " firsts	a 25 1/2
" " thirds to seconds	22 1/2 a 24 1/2
Creamery, June extra	25 a 25 1/2
" " firsts	24 a 24 1/2
" " held, thirds to seconds	21 1/2 a 22 1/2
State dairy, half skin tubs, fresh fancy	24 1/2 a 25 1/2
" " firsts	22 1/2 a 23 1/2
" " tubs, seconds	20 1/2 a 21 1/2
" " tubs, thirds	19 1/2 a 19 1/2
" " firkins, finest	21 1/2 a 22 1/2
" " seconds to firsts	19 1/2 a 20 1/2
Western, imitation creamery extra	21 1/2 a 22 1/2
" " firsts	19 1/2 a 20 1/2
" " seconds	18 1/2 a 19 1/2
" " factory, June extra	18 a 18 1/2
" " held, lower grades	16 1/2 a 17 1/2
" " fresh, finest	17 a 17 1/2
" " lower grades	16 a 16 1/2

CHEESE.

Receipts last six days 21,526 boxes; previous six days 25,658 boxes. The market shows little if any change in general features. Trading in fancy grades continues moderate, but with stocks well in hand holders are firm and confident in their views. Late made cheese in moderate supply and promptly salable. Very few skims in as yet, and marked nominally unchanged. We quote:

NEW CHEESE.	
State, full cream, small, Sept., fancy	13 a 13 1/2
" " " " " " " " " "	12 1/2 a 13 1/2
" " " " " " " " " "	12 a 12 1/2
" " " " " " " " " "	11 1/2 a 12 1/2
" " " " " " " " " "	11 a 11 1/2
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Retail Department.

THE STATE OF MEAT.

The cattle market has been gradually adjusting itself to the new food conditions. The general result has been a lower market for the last few weeks. This condition is likely to exist for some time yet with, we believe, an advance, though not a marked one, as the rigors of the winter set in. The ability to feed cheaper will have the effect of putting a good average grade of meat on the market at a lower price than that experienced by the trade during the past few months, unless our information and all signs fail. The feed market may be judged from the fact that many farmers in the Northwest refuse to sell corn at 19 cents per bushel because it is worth 35 cents per bushel put into pork at the present price of that product. These two prices will gradually adjust themselves to market conditions on a middle ground, with the result that pork will probably find a lower mark than that which it has even now reached. Beef will be similarly affected by the market for feed. This should give a good grade of stuff, especially as the ranches have been and will be scoured for grassers for a medium grade of stuff for medium price and for canning to fill the continued heavy orders of the British government, which looks to a prolonged and severe war against the Boers in South Africa.

While there will not be a slump in prices, there, doubtless, will be a lower range of prices for beef until spring at least. The shortage still exists, but the big—unprecedentedly big—grain crop will enable butchers to get better beef at a lower price than they have done. The feeders will be able to produce this beef at least 25 per cent. cheaper with this crop. Fancy stuff is always limited and fetches fancy prices, especially around the holiday season, when an old custom calls for special effort and for the best results of the feeders.

In discussing the big harvest some weeks ago we said: "This big crop gives us our only hope for cheaper beef, because it can be produced cheaper, and, therefore, should sell cheaper."

The butcher who has been getting a fair price for his stuff under the high scale is prepared for an era of prosperity. In the first place, he has his prices at a paying margin, and need not, necessarily reduce them again to the deadly level. Secondly, he has in the funds for carrying on his business at the lower price of stuff. The benefits of the credit agreement was also felt, for after being practically lifted to a cash basis which afforded him the just excuse for prodding his delinquent customers, his books will show better margins and more profits for his business. Mutton is cheap enough, so is poultry, while pork is not excessively high. These are redeeming features for the retailer, and he needs them, although they hit the wholesaler pretty hard.

A Small Size "Trust."

An enterprising meat firm at Chesaw, Wash., has bought out all of their competitors and have gone one better by buying the only meat market in Bolster, which feeds the district of Myers Creek. The "monopoly" at once advanced the price of meats 3c a pound. The public pay the advance after threats and a quantity of grumbling. This "combine" doesn't intend to perpetuate the cut-rate policy of the butchers who were feeding the people at each other's expense.

Venison Way Up.

Venison sells at about 40c per pound. That makes the plebian diner look athwart the field, then light back on chuck and its like. Many of the deer killed last season are now in cold stores awaiting the connoisseur and a fancy market.

A Repulsive Delicacy.

Muskrat dinners and skunk suppers may be epicurean delicacies for some people. This being the case, carion may be quite a luxury for food cranks one of these days. An animal which can throw off such a vilely pungent odor through its cuticle seems revolting to the natural appetite. "Nigger" slaves used to have to eat muskrat flesh as a gastronomic punishment. Now the "white folks" speak of it as "tender and savory" by the aristocratic who pay fancy prices for this stuff as a delicacy. "Chinese and Melicans allee samee eat lat."

Must Draw Poultry.

People in the poultry line do pretty much as they like in New York City. They are not supposed to kill their own fowls within the city. In Massachusetts things are quite different. The law up there says that a dealer shall not sell an undrawn fowl. Poultry which contain the entrails and crop shall not be sold. The State law of Massachusetts make farmers draw all of their poultry. No other kind can be sold in the markets of that State. The State inspectors are now enforcing this rigid law.

No Moose This Year.

No moose was offered on the Duluth market during the open season this year. The only one seen in town was brought in by a farmer. The absence of snow and moisture in the woods measurably accounts for this absence of moose meat. Conditions for moose hunting were, therefore, not favorable.

Exit Cayuses.

The Linnton packinghouse is clearing the cayuse horse from the plains out Oregon-way. He is being pulled from the seclusion of the rocks and hauled to the packing plant. The sheep returning from the mountains after the summer may find these old relics gone from their winter ranges on the prairies.

Maybe a Massachusetts paper hit the key to the present slow gait of the beef market when it said:

"The rise in the price of meat will send poor people back to the codfish diet of our fathers."

Just as though Massachusetts people, rich or poor, would sit down to a Sunday morning breakfast that lacked codfish balls.

Peculiarity About Skim Milk.

Don't feed your skimmed milk to your pot-bellied canine pet. The casein of this substance is valuable. You may soon be wearing gutta percha combs, celuloid and other combs made from it; also buying hardwood bric-a-brac made from the same substance solidified and polished. Skim milk is full of things. Some of them have been found. Some are still floating in the unknown.

AMONG THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Butchers' and Grocers' Association of Topeka, Kan., after paying all of the expenses of their handsome contribution to the banqueting of the Twentieth Kansas Regiment, and after paying all of the expenses incidental to the generous entertainment of visiting marketmen, paid back into the association's treasury \$170.69. Very commendable!

The members of the Retail Butchers' Association of Worcester, Mass., are excited over the lethargy of some of their officers. They passed a preamble to a petition to be signed and there are no signatures. Volcanic wrath is heaving in the bosoms of some of the members. A meeting this week will vent these grievances and make unpleasantness for some one. The butchers feel full of grievances. Trade is slow. A divided association isn't much good anyhow. The butchers of Worcester should get together and stick together.

The butchers of Bangor, Me., had their big ball and minstrel entertainment Thursday night of last week. E. J. Pooler's minstrels furnished the black cork fun. The event was held at the city hall, Hall's orchestra furnishing the music. It was, upon the whole, a very enjoyable affair, which included dancing.

There was a hog-cutting contest between A. R. Pickard, Jr., of John P. Squires and D. H. Collins, of the Leading Cash market. One of the hogs was delivered at the residence of the person holding the ticket with the lucky number.

Each man took off the head, hams and shoulders of his pig, got out the ribs and leaves of lard, and cut the pork into rounds, making the whole ready for the pickle, the smokehouse or the family trade. Both Collins and Pickard are clever with butchers' tools, and fast workers, and the contest was spirited. It will be a long time before the Bangor marketmen will have a better evening's fun.

The retail meat men of Detroit, Mich., have been notified of the existence of a credit agreement. The wholesalers are helping the retailers to get on a cash basis by bringing the good and the bad to weekly credits. The good butchers will not feel it. The laggards and "beats" will feel horribly offended and raise Cain, when they should be raising money instead.

The Retail Butchers' Association of Oswego, N. Y., at their "smoker" last week added the novel entertainment of a phonograph. The members enjoyed the evening's pleasure very much.

The Hudson County Butchers' Protective Association met at Schlitz's Hall, 180 Newark avenue, Jersey City, N. J., Thursday night of last week, and heard pleasant speeches about association matters. President Pat De Lee, of the Troy Association, made a speech. President P. J. Kennedy had out a good crowd for the occasion.

The Bay City butchers are now on a weekly credit basis, paying each Monday. The marketmen feel the jar of the change at first, but will fall in line, and in the meantime stir up their delinquent customers who are niggardly in settling.

Asking for More Time.

The Retail Butchers' Association of Jersey City, N. J., had a rousing meeting Thursday night to buck the wholesalers' credit agreement. A committee will wait on the wholesalers to endeavor to get better credit terms than the weekly credit now in vogue. The effort will be futile from the very nature of the credit agreement itself. Everybody else would demand the same relaxation of the rigors of this mandatory measure, which has been found to be a necessity. But if the Jersey City butchers need more time and can get it, good luck to them and to their committee. This association has recently come into existence with a vigorous life, and is now a pretty representative body of Hudson County marketmen. The effort will be made at once. President Kennedy leads a nervy crew.

Overdoing Sheep.

Edward Marshall, of Fort Collins, Col., has this to say about the result of the present over-attention to sheep for mutton:

"Throughout the State people are paying entirely too much attention to the lamb feeding industry and are neglecting the cattle feeding business. The result will be that the price of lambs will fall, and that fat beef will be a more scarce and more expensive article of diet within ninety days than it is now. Everything is prosperous in our country, and I am going to take advantage of the conditions which I foresee. Therefore, I am loading up a good stock of feeders which will be in condition for killing when the advance comes."

Mr. Marshall is a large feeder and stock raiser.

Poultry Association in Dixie.

The poulterers, many of them, of South Carolina have formed themselves into a State organization, to be known as the South Carolina poultry Association. The officers of this body are:

Major White, Rock Hill, president; Col. R. B. Watson, Ridge Spring, vice-president; Theodore E. F. Holzhauser, Columbia, secretary and treasurer.

Repealed the License.

The City Council of Bangor, Me., has repealed the ordinance of last spring requiring butchers to pay licenses. The license required was \$50 each. The marketmen are delighted.

The Butchers' Association, of Montreal, Can., met in semi-annual session last week, and elected the following officers for the ensuing half year:

President, Ald. Lareau, re-elected; first vice-president, H. S. Masterman; second vice-president, Prosper Monette; secretary, Alfred Leduc; assistant secretary, Arthur Dore; corresponding secretary, Isaac Daoust; treasurer, Hermans Poitras; assistant treasurer, Epreu Renaud; marshals, Joseph Lamoureux and Aime Leclair.

** A one-legged "nigger" decamped with the \$100 horse of Albert Braxton, of Morris-town, N. J., last week, drove it to the Meadows horse sausage factory and sold it for \$4. All the owner got was the hoofs, harness and rig. Now what is the penalty for receiving stolen goods? The whole circumstance might have shown a thinker that the negro was a thief, as he left the rig and the harness, and the horse had a \$100 look. Don't get squeamish about "Jersey pork sausages," for the genuine article is still genuine.

** Siegel-Cooper, of Sixth avenue, New York city, are suing Frank Sherman, the late Republican candidate for Alderman in the First Ward of Jersey City, for alleged selling of soap which it was claimed came from their store. The soap is made by the Manhattan Soap Company, at 25th street and Eleventh avenue, New York city. But fancy Siegel-Cooper holding up the virtuous hand!

THE BUTCHERS' BOARD OF TRADE WON.

Judge Seawell, sitting at San Francisco, Cal., has dismissed the suit of J. A. Murphy of that city against Samuel C. Hammond and other members of the Butchers' Board of Trade, whom he accused of conspiring to boycott him. The suit was for alleged damages. The court decided that the Butchers' Board of Trade acted legally, and that the complainant was not unlawfully boycotted. The following report of this noted case has been sent us by a correspondent:

Attorneys Isaac Frohman and L. H. Jacobs, representing the defendants, who number 500 of the principal butchers in this city, took the position that Murphy had no cause of action. For the purposes of the demurrer it was admitted that Murphy desired to go into business as a butcher on Howard street, and that the defendants refused to deal with him or to sell him any supplies.

He had charged that they conspired to drive him out of business.

To this the attorneys for the defendants said that it made no difference whether they conspired or not; that they had a legal right to refuse to sell Murphy any meat, and it was as legal for them to jointly refuse as for them to severally refuse.

In the case it was developed that the Butchers' Board of Trade has a rule that a man who establishes a shop near another shop which is owned by a member of the Butchers' Board of Trade shall not be dealt with by other members of the board, and that Murphy attempted to violate the rule in this regard.

Judge Seawell said that the defendants were correct in their position touching the right of defendants to refuse to deal with Murphy, and held that judgment must be given in their favor.

PACKINGHOUSE EXTRACT TONIC.

If the American packers entered the tonic and appetizing field there would be good excuse for it, especially in the matter of "beef, iron and wine," where the base and bulk of the fluid is a dilute of an excellent packinghouse by-product—beef extract.

Buyers of tonics have not been sure that they got genuine extract of beef. Dr. Nishkian, of Kansas City, Mo., in order to properly prepare the efficacious remedy which he has made to "brace the stomach," has gone direct to the great packinghouse of that city to get his beef extract because, as he says, the packinghouse product is pure, strong and direct from the cow. It is not a chemical extract nor a "doctored" one. To this natural packinghouse product he has added the necessary pepsin (which can also be deduced from packinghouse material) and other needed ingredients for a perfect stomach and nerve tonic. Being a practical packinghouse chemist himself, Dr. Nishkian knows the value of the beef extract he gets. This packinghouse tonic, containing only wholesome and strengthening ingredients, gives to the weak and sluggish system a true bracer. Dr. Nishkian has not only added a valuable tonic to the apothecary's shelf, but he has pointed the way to a new packinghouse by-product. Dr. Nishkian's new packinghouse beef extract tonic is a good one. General Agent Frank Jones, of Kansas City, is finding that out. If the packers turned into this field the public would have more faith in "beef tonics," because the doubtful element would be removed by the genuine article.

** It is a funny fact that a lot of poultry dealers thought last Thursday was Thanksgiving day. But it wasn't. The slow trade in turkeys for the season soon fetched them around to the mistake. Now they are more cheerful for next week.

New Shops.

J. G. McGarry will build a residence and meat market on his recent purchase at Franklin and Hayes streets, Johnstown, Pa.

U. C. Logue and Dave Offut have formed a retail meat partnership and opened a fine shop at West and Grayson streets, Jackson, Miss.

E. W. Clow, lately of Ewing, Mo., has gone into the butchering business at State W. H. Austin has opened a new meat market at Main street, East Gloucester, Mass.

Fred Noble will shortly open a meat market of his own at Newport, N. H.

N. F. Dailey has opened his meat market at Middlesex, N. Y.

Cornelius and Claus Zantenga have opened their retail meat business at 607 N. Park street, Kalamazo, Mich.

Business Changes.

Albert Crawford and John Crawford, who composed the meat firm of Crawford Bros., at Tinton Falls, N. J., have dissolved partnership. Each will continue in the retail meat business on his own account.

Wilbur Gordon and Joseph Little have purchased the meat market business of Frank Little, at Warrenton, N. H.

Gus Gerger has bought the meat market of J. O'Farrell, at Galena street, Lower Town, Toledo, O.

J. F. St. John has bought the meat market business of L. N. Herrick, at Eustis, Fla.

H. L. Smith has leased a butcher shop at Milan, Mo., which he has going at a lively business gain.

George Mapes has bought at a foreclosure sale the Karl Martin meat market, on William street, Lyons, N. Y., for \$2,000.

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Local and Personal

**** Meyer Meyer**, the well known meat man of Forty-fourth street and First avenue, has been appointed one of the judges of the great fat stock show, which begins at Pittsburg, Pa., on Monday next, 27th inst. He is one of the best beef judges in the East.

**** The United Dressed Beef Company's Employees' Mutual Benefit Association** has elected officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: President Katz was re-elected to the office which he so desirably filled the last year; P. J. Monheimer, vice-president; B. Bloch, recording secretary; J. Gumbel, financial secretary; Lewis Samuels, treasurer. Members of this association are so well behaved as not to need a sergeant-at-arms.

**** Lewis London**, secretary of the United Dressed Beef Company, of New York City, is back, after a few days of absence from the city.

**** The trade members** who attended the big Harrington ball, Friday night of last week, have their eyes free from the cobwebs of the night of pleasure.

**** E. C. Howse**, manager of Swift and Company's Westchester avenue branch, has gone to Chicago on a trip. He will return to New York City next week. When he gets back to his helm he'll have his eyes and energies all bulging for brisk work.

**** E. M. Bell**, of Swift and Company's staff, is managing the company's Westchester avenue box in the absence on a vacation of the manager.

**** W. M. Shirley**, the "advertising man" of Swift and Company, was in New York City during the week. Mr. Shirley is a "live wire" at all points and has the business spirit of his big company.

**** Fred Dietz**, the shrewd manager of the New York Butchers' Calfskin Association, is in the West. Mr. Dietz always has an eye around the corner at the other fellow who thinks he's doing all the business on the other side.

**** Judge Gildersleeve**, of the Supreme Court, has appointed John Davies receiver in sequestration proceedings for the Lenox Hill Meat Company, of New York city, on the application of James B. Lippitt.

**** J. W. Brown** has opened his fine meat market at 108 Thames street, Newport, R. I. In addition to this market, he will carry on a general grocery business.

**** Burglars** entered J. P. Stumpf's large market at 1893 Pearl street, Cleveland, O., and cleaned up things generally, but got little or no money.

**** Eastwood & Evans** opened their department store at 8 and 10 Nevins street, Brooklyn, N. Y., last week. The meat and provision sections are large and taking. A shipping department is also attached.

**** Richard Meier**, the butcher at 1,747 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, has filed a petition in bankruptcy for \$5,675.34; assets, \$30. There are twenty-two creditors.

**** Julius Schaumberger**, 540 East Eighty-sixth street, New York City, has filed a petition in bankruptcy; liabilities, \$2,641; assets, 2,091. Swift and Company are creditors in the sum of \$1,771 for meat, etc. Now that the credit agreement is in vogue such disagreeable pills will not have to be swallowed.

**** Henry W. Kohring**, who formerly kept a restaurant, etc., at 11 East Fifty-ninth street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$9,260 and no assets.

THE J. J. HARRINGTON BALL.

The long-looked-for ball of the employees of J. J. Harrington & Co. eventuated at the Murray Hill Lyceum Friday evening, Nov. 17. It was one of the dressiest and best attended affairs which have contributed to make this year's balls the best series which have contributed to Gotham's happy social life for years. Early in the evening Professor Thomas F. Usher's fine orchestra struck up the strains which tuned the night hours into the next day. Guests did not linger late in their coming, but came early and at once threw their happy souls into the hilarity of this intensely pleasurable evening, which cheered so many hearts.

There was but one fault to find, and the guests didn't stop to find that. The crowd was so much larger than the highest expectation prepared for that the hall was too small—big as it is—for such an immense throng. But they didn't notice it, and just wheeled in and out and laughed and routed every feeling of depression which might have hung over the senses ere they entered into the presence of this immense gay throng. A regiment more might have come and gone without being missed. The presence of so many prominent people in and out of the trade attests the esteem in which the Harringtons are held in and about the great metropolis of New York City. Fashion held sway in many costly, tasteful and elegant gowns. To such an extent was this true that the event was brilliant. It was one of the best dressed and one of the best conducted balls from first to last which has ever been given by the trade in the greater city. All of this was necessarily gratifying to those immediately interested. Prominent guests, including many prominent city officials, dropped in and out all night, and as the youthful hours of Saturday began to wake up and come in, the jolly throng felt much more like "go away Morn and leave us to our evening joy."

From the boxes the representative of The National Provisioner watched the brilliant spectacle of the kaleidoscopic panorama of the large hall below. Among the vast concourse the following were noticed:

John Grossmuck, the well-known butcher of Park avenue and 55th street; John McDermott, the popular meat man of Washington Market; Dave Levy, Morris Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Greene (U. D. B. Co.), Mr. and Mrs. Ike Schwartz (U. D. B. Co.), Miss Maybury, the U. D. B. Co.'s pretty "hello" girl; Tim Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Harrington, their cousins, the Misses Harrington; William G. Wagner, the handsome and able president of the National Retail Butchers' Mutual Protective Association; Bennie Kann (Veal and Mutton Company), Henry Zahn, Henry Zahn, Jr., Bernard Zahn (Sayles, Zahn & Co., wholesale meat dealers, Sixth avenue), Walter Blumenthal (U. D. B. Co.), Ed Carroll (clerk of General Sessions), Alderman Ledwith and wife, ex-Alderman Dave Roach, Commissioner of Corrections Lantry, Assemblyman Baum, the invincible; Sheriff Parant (of the Union Stock Yards), Tim and Frank Harrington, George Fleir (A. Vanderbeck's Son & Co.), and several from his company, ex-Assemblyman William H. Hornidge, Sergeant Lantry (brother of Commissioner Lantry), Assistant County Clerk P. A. Morrison, Assistant Postmaster Scully, Captain Kerr, Twenty-sixth Precinct; Mike Sullivan, manager for Armour & Co. at 132d street; Mike Mahoney, manager of Armour & Co., Fort Greene (Brooklyn) house; Patritius Kenny, John Ruege, Frank Riley, Frank Apples, Feathers Ryan, Mr. Fitzgerald and wife (J. J. Harrington & Co.), John McKeon, foreman butcher of Harrington's; Tim Harrington and wife, Denis A. Harrington and sisters, Tom Mosher, bookkeeper for Harrington's; Mr. Bradley, of Sayles, Zahn & Co.; soldierly Pete Hayes (of Harrington's), Mrs. Hayes and Miss Hayes, John Adler, Master George and Mrs. A. Worms, Max Pfeifer (V. & M. Co.) and lady, William Marion (V. & M.

Co.) and Mrs. Marion, Ben Bloch, Walter McNally, Tom Oberle, Steve Busch, John Haug, Eddie Roach, A. J. Folger, T. McMahon (Judge McMahon's brother), Emil Willefeur (official city painter), Louis Siglock and wife (of the Butchers' Hotel, 44th street and First avenue), Pike Ryan, D. Crowley (J. J. H. & Co.) and Mrs. Crowley, John P. Nelson, calf salesman at J. J. Harrington's; Mrs. Anne Russell, the singer, and lady friend; James P. Carey.

The officers of this excellent and well-organized association of this large and well-known small stock abattoir company, at 44th street and First avenue, New York City, are:

Joseph F. Falls, president; Dennis A. Harrington, first vice-president; George J. Imhof, second vice-president; Michael J. Donovan, treasurer; James J. McCormack, financial secretary; John J. McNally, recording secretary; John J. Halley, corresponding secretary; William J. Folger, sergeant-at-arms.

Those having the arrangements and the pleasures of the evening in hand are:

Floor manager, William H. Connor; assistant, Joseph F. Cavanaugh.

Arrangement Committee—Patrick Donovan, chairman; Patrick Fitzgerald, Louis Schussler, John McCarthy, John McKeon, Dennis O'Brien, Edward Burke, Jr., Francis Watson, Peter Gray.

Floor Committee—William Crawford, chairman; Daniel Crowley, Michael Donahue, Ernest Fallon, Solomon Strauss, David Levy, John Bohling, Louis Grether, John Harrington, Daniel O'Leary, Stephen Kane, Frederick Reid, Edward Hillen, John Grace, Daniel Horgan, George Harrington.

Reception Committee—John J. O'Gorman, chairman; Thomas Mosher, Nicholas Schriener, Peter Hayes, David Rosenfield, Daniel Price, James Harrington, Timothy Buckley, Timothy Harrington, Edward Burke, Sr., James McCormack, Martin Miczynski, William Murphy, George Folger, James Harding, James Collins.

The grand march wound in and out in a pretty serpentine manoeuvre. Over the orchestra furnishing the music hung in a cheerful electric blaze the words:

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: Employees of J. J. Harrington & Co. :
: Welcome! :
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Floor Manager William H. Connor and Assistant Floor Manager Joseph F. Cavanaugh deserve every praise for this smooth and successful grand march, which led into a long and highly enjoyable programme in two parts of fourteen numbers each, which was participated in to the fullest extent by the happy and vivacious company present at this eventful ball, which was a great success in every way.

**** The retail butchers** will, it is said, on Dec. 6, hold a mass meeting on the corpse of the late New York co-operative slaughterhouse scheme; that is, some of them will.

**** The alleged "Kosher meat trust,"** formed by five butchers in Hoboken, N. J., is making bad friends among the Jewish people over that way. The "Big Five" in this instance have raised the price of the "blue stamp" class fresh meat, so the protest is natural. Kosher meat is now 4 cents a pound higher in that quarter than it was a week ago.

**** The Board of Health meat inspectors** for the week ending Wednesday, Nov. 22, condemned the following quantities of meat: Beef, 16,300 pounds; veal, 3,600 pounds; mutton, 2,700 pounds; hogs, 3,275 pounds; poultry, 10,000 pounds; total, 35,875 pounds.

**** Fred Browne's family** out at Flushing, L. I., got hold of some queer sausages on Friday of last week, and were very sick from eating them. Buy sausages from well-known makers, and the stomach will not be afflicted. Mrs. Browne, Misses Browne and Mrs. Baxter will not quickly forget their almost fatal breakfast.

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Mortgages, Bills of Sale and Business Record

Butcher, Fish and Oyster Fixtures.

The following Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale have been recorded up to Friday, November 24, 1899:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN. Mortgages.

Steasny & Briener, 1469 First ave.; to F. Lesser (filed Nov. 17).....	\$75
Wissinger, A., 1804 Second ave.; to S. Kahn (filed Nov. 18).....	50
Collins, Pat., 155 Tenth ave.; to C. Peiser (filed Nov. 21).....	500
Collins, Pat., 155 Tenth ave.; to A. Burnan (filed Nov. 21).....	1,000
Labusohr, W., 995 Park ave.; to J. M. Namard (filed Nov. 22).....	1,000
Pilcher, Martha, 344 E. 105th st.; to A. Oberhanner (filed Nov. 23).....	800

Bills of Sale.

Rossi Michl, 86 James st.; to A. Fiore (filed Nov. 18).....	\$300
Levy, S., 31 Orchard st.; to Harris Levy (filed Nov. 20).....	120
Fiore, Alex., 86 James st.; to C. Luongo (filed Nov. 20).....	400

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN. Bills of Sale.

Cunningham, Patrick J., 76 Smith st.; to Christian Wildermuth (filed Nov. 20).....	\$450
Michaelson, Charles, 612 De Kalb ave.; to Nachmann & Ottenberg (filed Nov. 22).....	nom

Grocer, Delicatessen, Hotel and Restaurant Fixtures.

The following Chattel Mortgages and Bills of Sale have been recorded up to Friday, November 24, 1899:

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN. Mortgages.

Krummel, E. C., 906-908 Broadway; to A. C. Scharman (filed Nov. 17).....	\$10,000
Wassermann, M., Lexington ave. and Eighty-second st.; to R. Birmer (filed Nov. 17).....	200
Kornblah & Romanek, 713 Broadway; to M. Levin (R.) (filed Nov. 17).....	40
Koenig, Lenton, 573 Sixth ave.; to M. Levin (R.) (filed Nov. 17).....	170
Herrmann, Annie, 104 Allen st.; to M. Levin (R.) (filed Nov. 17).....	27
Sackler, J. & L., 402 Grand st.; to M. Levin (R.) (filed Nov. 17).....	125
Rosenfeld, N., 2027 Second ave.; to M. Levin (R.) (filed Nov. 17).....	53
Waschman, Irda, 301 Canal st.; to Jennie Wachman (filed Nov. 18).....	3,500
Stahle, Fred, 894 Second ave.; to L. Witterich (filed Nov. 18).....	75

Frank Tanny, 132 Allen st.; to S. Kaplan (filed Nov. 18).....	200
Schwarzbarth, Fanny, 221 Greene st.; to M. Levin (filed Nov. 18).....	251
Hawthorn, Robt., 223 Third st.; to George Hawthorn (filed Nov. 20).....	300
Willers, Jacob, 343 W. Sixteenth st.; to H. Kutscher (filed Nov. 20).....	150
Forst, M., 133 Clinton st.; to E. R. Biehler (filed Nov. 21).....	83
Kamp, J. J., 331 Hudson st.; to E. R. Biehler (filed Nov. 21).....	147
Fine, L., 307 Madison st.; to Co-operative Sausage Co. (filed Nov. 22).....	50
Hemrich, Geo., 728 Tenth ave.; to J. Moet (filed Nov. 22).....	400
Lignori, 547 W. Fifty-ninth st.; to G. Cinani (filed Nov. 23).....	850

Bills of Sale.

Westenberger, Hy., 110 Fulton ave.; to B. Worth (filed Nov. 18).....	\$2,000
Allen, Geo., 594 Third ave.; to L. W. Sharkey (filed Nov. 20).....	600
Brimberg, Harris, 85 Eldridge st.; to C. Bergren (filed Nov. 21).....	500
Nicola, A., 318 E. Fifty-fourth st.; to Minnie Obraz (filed Nov. 21).....	700
Gavit, C. R., 1484 Broadway; to Fay & Oleson (filed Nov. 21).....	185
Smolin, J., 307 Madison st.; to L. Fine (filed Nov. 22).....	250
Cohn & Frank, 591 Broadway; to F. Garcia (filed Nov. 22).....	1
Wilkins, Aug., 411 W. Thirty-sixth st.; to J. J. Hogan (filed Nov. 23).....	275

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN. Mortgages.

Brown, Henry G., 164 Fulton st.; to E. R. Biehler (filed Nov. 20).....	\$100
Steger, Johann, near 10 Throop ave.; to Johann Gerdes (filed Nov. 21).....	400
Hendrick & Agnetti, 463 Fulton st.; to Lord & Taylor (filed Nov. 22).....	375
Keller, Joseph, 1269 Third ave.; to Jacob Bergida (filed Nov. 22).....	200
Geoghegan, Kate, 351 Seventh ave.; to M. A. Geoghegan (filed Nov. 22).....	300
Henderson, I. B., 1093 Bedford ave.; to Hallwood Cash Register Co. (R.) (filed Nov. 24).....	110
Best Allen & Hugh McElroy or the Manhattan Tea Co., 321 Oakland st.; to Robert Armstrong (filed Nov. 24).....	400

Bills of Sale.

Feldmann, Diedrich, 135 Ten Eyck st.; to Paul Rebe (filed Nov. 18).....	\$250
Sondeigeld, Henry, 297 S. Third st.; to Henry H. Meyer (filed Nov. 21).....	1,000

BUSINESS RECORD.

CONNECTICUT—George P. Dreher, Middletown; meat market; succeeded by Dreher.
—D. D. Blackmar, New Boston; fish market; moved to Quinnebaug.—Eckmeter & Coleman, Parkville; meats, etc.; dissolved; succeeded by John Coleman.—Howard W. Twining, Winsted; meat market; succeeded by Wilcox & Twining.—F. B. Wilcox, manager, Winsted; meat market; now Wilcox & Twining.—Adolph R. Brechlin, Bridgeport; meat; R. E. mortg., \$400.
ILLINOIS.—Peter H. Short, Brighton; meat; sold out.—Mallory, Son & Zimmerman, Chicago; com. live stock; succeeded by

Mallory Commission Co.—H. A. Cunningham, Salem; restaurant; succeeded by J. L. Chariton.

INDIANA.—Dillman & McCarroll, Bedford; restaurant; succeeded by McCarroll & Love.—Christian Haviland, Geneva; meat; judgts., \$747.—Farmer & Forbes, Indianapolis; meats, etc.; chattl. mortg., \$482.

LOUISIANA.—A. P. Wimberly, Monroe; Market House Grocery Co.; sold out.

MAINE.—Alfred E. Jones, Bangor; provisions, etc.; succeeded by Charles S. Jones.—E. H. Jones, Dexter; meats, etc.; mortg. R. E., \$200.—F. H. Atwood & Co., Rumford Falls; provisions; Fred H. Atwood, individually, chattl. mortg., \$1,200.—A. H. York, Waterville; restaurant; chattl. mortg., \$200.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Crosby Bros. & Co., Boston; butter, cheese, etc.; Frederick Crosby, dead.—W. F. Hayes, Ipswich; provisions; discontinued.—John M. McCarthy, Salem; sold out.—H. L. Niles & Co., Springfield; meats, etc.; dissolved.—Laurence G. Mullen, Boston; provisions, etc.; voluntary petition in bankruptcy.—Wm. H. Broderick, Clinton; butcher; chattl. mortg., \$1,000.—D. H. & W. C. Cornell, Fall River; wholesale pork; Lester B. Cornell, individually, R. E. mortg., \$2,600.—Wm. A. Sherman, Hyannis; chattl. mortg., \$800.—Flora W. Wilbar, Somerville; provisions, etc.; wife of Albert C. Wilbar, filed certificate, etc.—Albert O. Packard, Taunton; provisions; sold R. E., \$1 and \$1, two instruments.

MICHIGAN.—E. B. Stevens, Albion; meats; succeeded by Henry C. Fondra.—Lorce & Co., Detroit; meats, etc.; mortgagee's sale advertised.—John Bennallack, Lake Linden; sold out.

MINNESOTA.—J. F. Rossman, Hibbing; meat; incorporating.—J. T. Denhart, Pipestone; meat; succeeded by Denhart & Colvin.

MISSOURI.—James Meagher & Co., St. Louis; pork packers; James Meagher dead.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—J. N. Des Grosseilliers, Manchester; provisions; damaged by smoke and water.

NEW YORK.—Gaensslen, Fisher & Co., Gowanda; tanners; succeeded by Moench-Fisher Co.—Geo. Hemping & Co.; butchers; succeeded by Walter Van Ostrand.—Hyman Seligman, Tompkinsville; furrier; voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Knauer & Hillen, Batavia; meats; succeeded by Louis Buerkle.

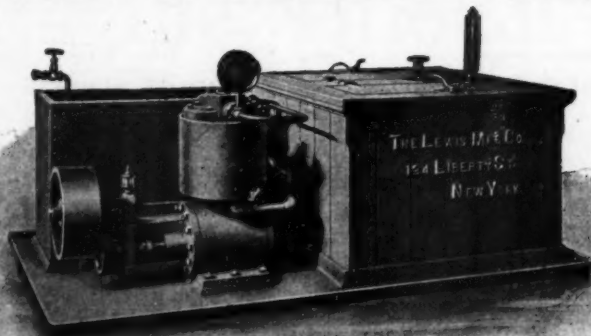
PENNSYLVANIA.—S. K. Heller et al., Berwick; restaurant; judgt., \$1,151.—Geo. H. Lowersby, Ovid; cheese factory; judgt. note, \$500.—J. N. Wolfe Soap Co., Pittsburg; manufacturers of soap; R. E. mortg., \$4,000.—M. Petrollick, Plymouth; meat; judgt., \$133.

RHODE ISLAND.—Charles C. Shaw, Providence; restaurant; succeeded by Christopher J. Read.—Brook Street Market (not inc.), Providence; meats, etc.; Edwin E. Phillips discharged chattl. mortg., \$300.

VERMONT.—Charles C. Warren, Waterbury; tanner and currier; damaged by fire.

WISCONSIN.—H. Murray, Boscobel; restaurant; sold out.—F. A. Zehm, Appleton; meat; chattl. mortg., \$100.—Paul J. Boehm, Milwaukee; meat; bill of sale, \$300.

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Friday's Closings.

COTTONSEED OIL.—The asking price referred to in our review has since been made, and sellers' views are becoming even stronger, while many telegrams going to the mills receive replies "nothing to sell at present," although higher bids are made. There is a very cautious feeling on the part of all holders over selling, and it would appear that seed in many sections is more difficult to obtain, even at the high prices, since planters' views are stimulated by the even more radical ideas over the short cotton crop, the comparatively high prices for the staple which gives them money enough to be indifferent over their seed supplies, while of course much more extensive planting will be done next year by reason of the current season's high prices for cotton, and the planters will want more of the seed for their own use. For prime yellow cotton oil in New York sales of 500 bbls. spot and November, at 29; 750 bbls. do, for December, at 29, and 500 bbls. do, for January, at 29. At the close 29 is further bid for all of these deliveries, and declined, with a fair portion of the demand here coming from Southern buyers.

OLEO STEARINE.—Sales in New York of 40,000 lbs. at 7, and Chicago is quoted at 7.

TALLOW.—There has been nothing further done. The contract deliveries of city in hogsheads for the week went in at 4-16. There are offers to sell fully 300 hogsheads city for December deliveries at 4-16, but the bidding for any portion of it is not better than 4-16.

Live Poultry Rate.

In the case concerning the rate on live poultry, the Interstate Commerce Commission, in announcing its decision against the San Francisco road last week, said:

"The rates enforced by the St. Louis & San Francisco on live poultry in carloads to Chicago are higher from Marshfield, Mo., than for the longer distances from Springfield and other more distant stations on its line. The commission holds that the greater charge for the shorter distance from Marshfield constitutes a departure from the general rule of the fourth section, which the carrier was bound to justify, and that such higher rate, if found to be without sufficient excuse, must also be deemed unreasonable and undue prejudice in violation of the third section. The St. Louis & San Francisco Company, it holds, cannot lawfully call itself merely a local carrier from Marshfield while engaged in through carriage from Springfield and other points on its line, and thereby justify higher rates to Chicago for the shorter distance from Marshfield than for the longer distance from Springfield and more distant points of shipment."

PRESSING DUTIES DELAY DEPARTURE.

General Manager Van Holland, of the Eastmans Company, has been endeavoring to embark for Europe, but his pressing business duties have prevented his departure. His purpose was to leave this week on the Majestic. He will make an effort to go on the Lucania, but he may not get away until the sailing of the Campanian. Such is the penalty of being entrusted with great responsibility for an important concern. We wish Manager Van Holland bon voyage when he does get away. We understand his trip is for pleasure and recreation from exacting duties. His energetic nature and business mind will impel him also, doubtless, to pick up some ideas of value to the New York house.

Read The National Provisioner.

Chicago Markets

LARDS.

Choice, prime steam	5.00	a	...
Prime steam	4.92½	a	...
Neutral	5	a	8½
Compound	4¾	a	5

STEARINES.

Oleo-stearines	7¾	a	...
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OILS.

Lard oil, Extra	38	a	40
Lard oil, Extra, No. 1	35	a	...
Lard oil, No. 1	30	a	...
Lard oil, No. 2	29	a	...
Oleo oil, "Extra"	39	a	...
Neatsfoot oil, Pure	45	a	46
Neatsfoot oil, No. 1	45	a	...
Tallow oil	42	a	...

TALLOW.

Packers' prime	5½	a	...
No. 2	4	a	...
Edible tallow	5½	a	5½

GREASES.

Brown	3¾	a	3¾
Yellow	3¾	a	...
White, A	4¾	a	...
White, B	4	a	4¾
Bone	4¾	a	...

BUTCHERS' FAT.

Rough shop fat	1¾	a	1¾
Inferior or black fat	1¾	a	2
Suet	3	a	...
Shop Bones, per 100 lb.	30	a	31

COTTONSEED OIL.

P. S. Y., in tanks	24½	a	26
Crude, in tanks	22	a	23
Butter oil, barrels	29	a	31

FERTILIZER MARKET.

Dried blood, per unit.....	1.67½
Hoof meal, per unit.....	1.40
Concent. tankage, 15 to 16 p. c. unit.....	1.35
Unground t'k'g. 10 to 11 p. c. per ton.....	16.50
Unground t'k'g. 9 and 20 p. c. per ton.....	14.50
Unground t'k'g. 8 and 20 p. c. per ton.....	13.00
Unground t'k'g. 6 and 35 p. c. per ton.....	12.00
Ground raw bones.....	23.00 a 24.00
Ground steam bones.....	18.50

HORNS, HOOFS AND BONES.

Horns No. 1	\$190 a \$205	per ton	65-70 lb av
Hooft	\$20.00 to \$22.00	per ton	...
Round Shin Bones	\$62.50 to \$67.50	per ton	...
Flat Shin Bones	\$41.00 to \$42.00	per ton	...
Thigh Bones	\$100	per ton, 90-100 lb av	...

PACKERS' SUNDRIES.

Pork loins	5½	a	...
Pocket pieces	4¾	a	...
Spare ribs	4¾	a	...
Trimnings	4¾	a	...
Boston butts	4¾	a	...
Cheek meat	3	a	...

CURING MATERIALS.

Pure open kettle sugar	4¾	a	...
White, clarified sugar	5	a	...
Plantation, granulated sugar	5½	a	...

COOPERAGE.

Barrels	1.05	a	...
Lard, tierces	1.17½	a	...

A NEW MEAT LINE.

The Shaw Saville & Albion Company, of New Zealand, has initiated a direct frozen meat and transportation service from that country to Cape Colony, many of the steamers calling there to and from London. Their steamer "Rangatira," leaving Lyttleton, N. Z., on the 20th of September last, inaugurated this new South African service. This steamer carried, among other items of her cargo, 3,641 carcasses of frozen mutton and lamb, 30 boxes of butter, 212 cases of cheese, 40 boxes of bacon, 20 boxes of lard, 3,983 carcasses of frozen beef, 100 cases of meat. The South African trade is growing in importance and is worthy of more attention by shippers.

Business Opportunities.

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Exports of Provisions.

The exports of pork, bacon, hams and lard from the principal Atlantic seaboard, their destination, and a comparative summary for the week ending Nov. 18, 1899, is as follows:

	Week ending Nov. 18, 1899.	Same week, 1898.	Nov. 1, '98. to Nov. 18, '99.
PORK, BBLs.			
U. Kingdom...	1,118	1,738	2,318
Continent...	1,079	1,011	2,737
So. & Cen. Am.	619	1,335	1,595
W. Indies...	1,410	2,376	4,983
Br. No. Am.	263	195	492
Other countries	...	55	171
Total	5,080	5,530	12,296

HAMS, BACON, LBS.

U. Kingdom...	11,945,146	15,809,721	29,434,497
Continent...	806,449	2,144,346	4,780,349
So. & Cen. Am.	53,825	5,600	258,425
W. Indies...	234,450	247,575	586,350
Br. No. Am.	10,650	1,200	10,650
Other countries	...	4,000	154,925
Total	13,140,520	18,212,442	35,234,196

LARD, LBS.

U. Kingdom...	5,246,831	7,513,160	15,434,734
Continent...	4,289,715	9,241,414	19,820,085
So. & Cen. Am.	241,215	111,345	1,195,815
W. Indies...	594,100	869,650	1,531,550
Br. No. Am.	...	1,200	31,465
Other countries	31,050	38,300	118,770
Total	10,202,911	17,775,060	38,150,419

Recapitulation of the week's reports.

	Week ending Nov. 18, 1899.	Hams and Bacon, Lbs.	Lard, Lbs.
From	Pork, Bbls.		
New York...	3,092	4,954,525	4,336,640
Boston...	983	3,976,850	1,968,555
Portland, Me.	...	78,750	386,500
Phila., Pa.	153	45,250	454,897
Balto., Md.	782	1,287,280	862,544
Norfolk	...	...	1,012,850
Newport News	...	...	...
New Orleans	79	12,050	13,725
Montreal	...	2,784,906	158,850
St. John, N.B.	...	...	...
Total	5,089	13,140,520	10,202,911

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.

	Nov. 1, '98. to Nov. 18, '99.	Nov. 1, '97. to Nov. 18, '98.	Decrease.
Pork, lb	2,459,200	3,425,200	966,000
Hams, ben, lb	35,234,196	55,157,567	10,923,371
Lard, lb	38,150,419	58,458,781	20,308,362

* W. B. White, a well-known cattleman of Brady City, died at Fort Worth, Tex., recently. Mr. White was a brother of S. G. White, of Weatherford, who is also prominent in the cattle business.

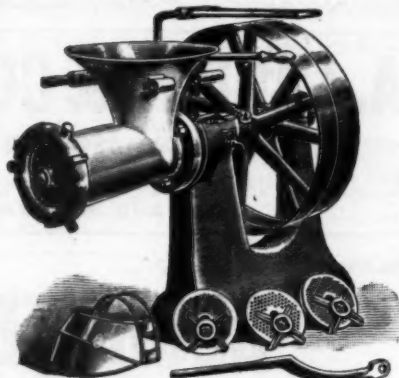
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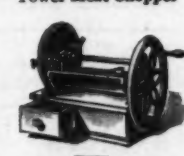
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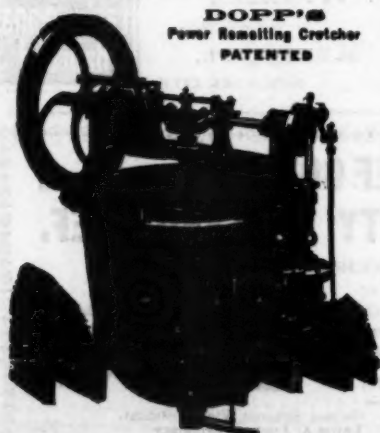
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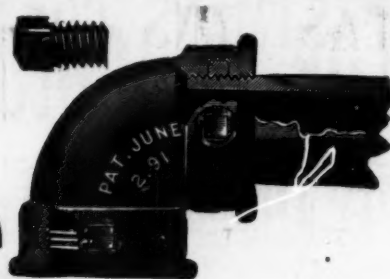
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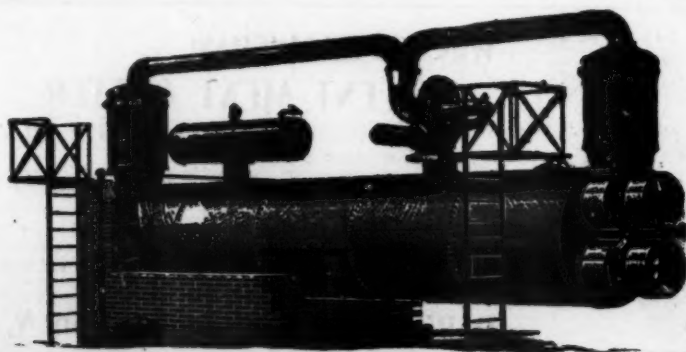
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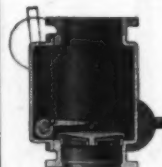
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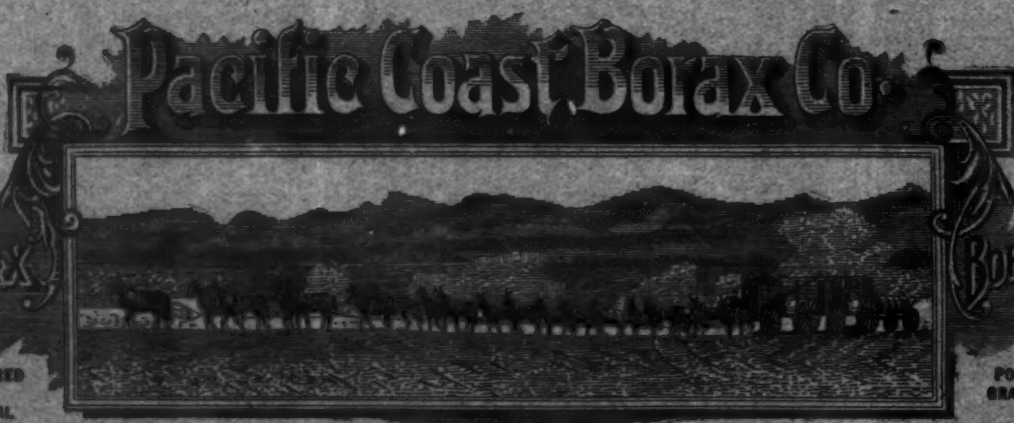
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